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PREFACE

At the General Convention in Richmond, in 1907, a Committee of the House of Bishops was appointed to consider the preparation of a Book of Offices for occasions not provided for in the Book of Common Prayer. The Bishops of Texas, Kansas, Newark, Springfield, and Fond du Lac constituted the Committee.

This Committee found the wish for such a Book so general that at Cincinnati in 1910 they presented a Book which was received by the Bishops and allowed to be distributed in the House.

Subsequently the Bishops retained the copies distributed and were asked to send further suggestions to the Committee, which was continued, to report in 1913.

The second Report of the Committee, presented in New York in 1913, was again referred back for further consideration.

At the General Convention at St. Louis, in 1916, a number of corrections and changes were presented by the Committee and the following Resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That the Book of Offices for Occasions not Provided for in the Book of Common Prayer be published after the changes submitted with this Report have been made, and is hereby set forth for use where the Bishop of the Diocese may authorize it."

After all due care and consideration the Book of Offices for Occasions not Provided for in the Book of Common Prayer is now authorized for use in the Church, subject to the discretion of each diocesan Bishop.

It may be noted that, while there is considerable new

matter in the Book, the offices are mainly taken from those in use for many years in dioceses in England and Canada, with some help from American diocesan forms.

The Book of Offices is the property of the Church; and a royalty from its sale will go to the Church Pension Fund.

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I.

THE ORDER FOR

THE BREAKING OF THE GROUND FOR A NEW CHURCH

The Clergy, Choir, and others being assembled at the place, the Officiant shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Then shall be said

PSALM 132. *Memento Domine.*

Lord, remember David : and all his trouble:
2 How he sware unto the Lord : and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob:
3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house : nor climb up into my bed;
4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber : neither the temples of my head to take any rest;
5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord: an habitation for the Mighty God of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata : and found it in the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacle : and fall low on our knees before his footstool.

8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place : thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness : and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

10 For thy servant David's sake : turn not away the presence of thine anointed.

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14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself : he hath longed for her.

15 This shall be my rest for ever : here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

Glory be.

After which the following Lesson shall be read:

Ezra i. 1-6.

Then may be sung a hymn.
Then the Bishop shall say:

Forasmuch as devout and faithful men have taken in hand to build on this place a House to be dedicated to the glory of God (and in honor of His servant Saint——), wherein the Gospel shall be truly preached, the Sacraments duly administered, and the service of Prayer and Praise ever offered, in this and coming generations, let us ask the blessing of Almighty God upon this undertaking.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast taught us that whatsoever we do whether in word or in deed we shall do it in the Name of Thy Blessed Son Jesus Christ; Mercifully receive us, coming to Thee in His Name. Hear our prayers and vouchsafe to bless, consecrate, and hallow this ground, upon which we purpose to build a Church to Thy glory and for Thy worship; and grant that all

who shall serve at Thy Altar therein, and they who shall in it receive the ministry of the Word and Sacraments according to Thine ordinance, may love Thee with all their heart and mind and soul and strength, and, fortified by Thy gifts, may serve Thee faithfully unto their life's end; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Officiant standing at the site of the Altar of the Church, remove the first shovel of earth, saying:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I break the ground for this Church; and may the Lord bring our undertaking to a prosperous end. *Amen.*

The Rector and other Clergy or Church Officers present may also remove earth, each one as he does so saying:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall be said

PSALM 122. *Laetatus sum.*

I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

5 For there is the seat of judgment : even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be.

Let us pray.

1. *The Collect of the Saint whose name the Church will bear.*

2. Accept, we pray Thee, O Lord, the service of this day. Let Thy continued blessing rest upon the work now begun. Put it into the hearts of Thy servants to give liberally for the building and maintenance of this Church (of Saint ———). Watch over all those who shall take part in the work, that they may be preserved from all danger and accident. Give us all thankful hearts that we may ever praise Thee for all Thy goodness to us; through Thy Son our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then may be sung a Hymn of thanksgiving during which shall be collected the offerings made by those present, for the building.

The Te Deum Laudamus *may then be sung.*

The Benediction.

II.

THE ORDER FOR

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OR CORNERSTONE OF A CHURCH

While the Bishop or Officiant, with the Clergy and Choir, shall proceed to the place where the Foundation Stone is to be laid, a Hymn may be sung.

All things being disposed in order for the Laying of the Stone, the Bishop shall say:

Dearly beloved in the Lord, we are gathered together here to lay the Foundation Stone of a building which we humbly trust may in due time be consecrated as a House of God.

And first, let us praise God's Holy Name for the mercy and goodness with which He has so far prospered our work; and let us further devoutly pray that He will, of His good Providence, bless all who in any way help forward its completion; that He will protect from danger those who may be engaged in the building: and that He will send His blessing upon our undertaking.

Let us pray.

We yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, for that Thou hast blessed and forwarded the work of our hands hitherto: accept the praises that we offer unto Thee from true and grateful hearts, that rejoicing in Thy goodness we may be accepted of Thee, and this holy place may be filled from its beginning with the spirit of thankfulness and loving homage, to Thy

honour and glory, who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then shall be read the Lesson.

Ezra iii. 10-11; *or* Zech. iv. 6-10; *or* 1 Cor. iii.

Then shall be said or sung:

V. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious:
R. For His mercy endureth for ever.
V. O give thanks unto the God of all gods:
R. For His mercy endureth for ever.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.
R. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious: for His mercy endureth for ever.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

V. Behold I lay in Sion a chief Cornerstone, elect, precious:
R. And he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.
V. This is the Lord's doing:
R. And it is marvellous in our eyes.
V. Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid:
R. Which is Jesus Christ.

Then shall the Bishop say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Almighty Lord God, who although the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee, yet dost vouchsafe to dwell with Thy Church here on earth; Visit, we beseech Thee, with Thy loving kindness, this place whereon we lay the foundations of a house to the praise and honour of Thy Holy Name. Let it not be profaned by impiety or put to common use; and as Thou didst fulfil the devotion of Thy servant David through the labors of his son, so likewise grant that our desire may be accomplished, that Thy servants may see Thy work, and their children Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop, laying his hand upon the Stone, shall say:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who art the brightness of the Father's Glory, and the express image of His Person, the one Foundation, and the chief Cornerstone; Bless what we do now in laying this Stone in Thy name, and be Thou, we beseech Thee, the beginning, the increase, and the consummation of this our work, which is undertaken to the glory of Thy Name; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then, all things being made ready, he shall lay the Stone, striking it three times, with these words:

In the faith of Jesus Christ we place this Foundation Stone, in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop say:

Here let the true faith and fear of God, with brotherly love, ever abide; and may this place now set apart with prayer, and with the invocation and praise of the Most Holy Name, be evermore the Temple of the Most High God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall be said:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, especially for those who have given of their substance to this good work; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, who art the shield and defence of Thy people, be ever at hand, we beesch Thee, to protect and succour the builders of this house; keep them in their labour from all sin and profaneness, and shelter them from all accident and peril, that the work which, through Thy mercy, hath now begun, may by their labour be brought to a happy end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop speak to the people : after which a Hymn may be sung and the offerings of the people be collected. The Bishop shall then say the following prayers:

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head cornerstone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

III.

THE ORDER FOR THE

BENEDICTION OF A CHURCH OR CHAPEL

To be used by the Bishop, or a Priest appointed by him, when for any good cause the Church cannot be consecrated. A Church thus blessed must, however, be duly consecrated when this shall become possible.

At the appointed time the Bishop with attendant Clergy standing before the Altar shall say:

PSALM 122. *Laetatus sum.*

I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

5 For there is the seat of judgment : even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be.

The Bishop then, turning towards the congregation, shall say:

Good people, we have met together at this time to bless this Church [Chapel or Building] for the service of Almighty God, and the use of His Church. It has pleased God to teach us in His Holy Word that such dedications are acceptable to Him; we have therefore good hope that this our work will be pleasing in His sight. Let us therefore lift up our prayers to Him, asking that His Blessing may rest upon this place, that His Spirit may guide those who shall herein minister in His Name, and that those who worship here may draw near to Him at all times with reverence and godly fear.

Let us pray.

The Bishop, followed by the Clergy, Churchwardens, and others, may then pass around the church saying or singing

The Litany.

If the size or arrangement of the building will not permit of passing around within, the Bishop shall kneel at the Chancel steps attended by two Priests.

The Litany being said as far as the end of the Lord's Prayer, the Bishop standing at the Chancel steps shall say the Prayers following:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who hast appointed divers services and ministrations to be performed in Thy Church; May Thy Holy Spirit guide and direct those who minister in this place, and fill the hearts of Thy people that they may rightly take their part in and profit by that which is done in Thy Name.

Hear the prayers which all faithful souls offer Thee in this place. Grant that all Thy children born again in Baptism, and strengthened by Thy gift in the Laying on of Hands, may walk before Thee in newness of life. Give to all who in true penitence seek it, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. Grant that all who are partakers of the blessed Body and Blood of Thy dear Son may receive the Bread of Everlasting Life, and ever live in oneness with Him and He with them. Encourage and strengthen the faithful by Thy presence, that they may continue before Thee in Holiness and Righteousness unto their life's end. *Amen.*

O Father Beloved, who didst send Thy dear Son to preach peace to them that are far off as well as to them that are nigh; Make this place to be a witness for Thee and Thy love. Grant that by the preaching of the Gospel herein many who now know Thee not may hear of Thee, and turning with all their hearts to Thee may be cleansed from sin, and made partakers of all the gifts Thou givest without measure to Thy faithful children. Grant this our prayer for the love of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by

giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Grace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Here may follow a Hymn and a Sermon.

IF THERE BE A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION:

The Collect.

O Almighty God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head cornerstone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Epistle. Ephesians ii. 13-22.
Gospel. St. John xvii. 20-26.

After the Celebration or a Sermon, immediately before the final Blessing:

Let us pray.

O Lord God, who dost vouchsafe to have Thy dwelling upon earth in houses built for the worship of Thy

Name though the heavens and earth cannot contain Thee; We beseech Thee that, mindful of the work and labour of all Thy Saints, Thou wouldest visit this place erected to Thy glory [and in honour of *N*]. Cleanse it, by Thy grace, from all defilements, and ever keep it pure and without spot; And as Thou didst crown the pious desires of David Thy servant in the work of Solomon his son, so do Thou of Thy great goodness grant that our desire may be accomplished, that Thy servants may see Thy work and their children Thy gliry; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased Thee, by Thy good Spirit, to put into the hearts of Thy servants the desire to erect this House to Thy honour and worship. Bless them, O Lord, their families and their substance, and accept the work of their hands; and grant, we beseech Thee, that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness by making a right use thereof, to the glory of Thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

THE ORDER FOR

THE RE-OPENING OF A RESTORED CHURCH

The Bishop is received at the entrance of the Restored Church, or of the Churchyard, by the Minister and the Churchwardens, and proceeds with the Clergy, the Churchwardens, and others towards the Holy Table, Psalm cxviii. 19-29 *being said or sung as follows:*

Open me the gates of righteousness : that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord : the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me : and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused : is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing : and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Help me now, O Lord : O Lord, send us now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord : we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, who hath showed us light : bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee : thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be.

Then shall the Bishop, standing in the Chancel, say this prayer, all standing:

Let us pray.

We are not worthy, O Lord, to enter into Thy presence, for Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil. But Thou, Lord, art merciful and full of compassion. Grant that Thine eyes may be upon us continually as we enter into this Thine house, and that all our thoughts and words may be hallowed by Thy presence. Let Thy Holy Spirit be within us, and Thy holy angels be with us and about us, that in all our ways we may glorify Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop, standing at the Holy Table, and turning to the people, say:

Dearly beloved in the Lord, we are gathered together to-day to render humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for His goodness in prospering the work of the Restoration of this Church, and to implore the continuance of His favour and blessing upon it. Let us therefore ask the presence and guidance of the Holy Ghost.

Then shall be sung, all kneeling:

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One;
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Then the Bishop shall say:

O most blessed Saviour, who in the days of Thy earthly Ministry, by Thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication, didst approve and bless such service as this which we are now offering unto Thee; Be present with us by Thy Holy Spirit; and because holiness becometh Thine House for ever, sanctify us, we pray Thee, that we may be living Temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee; and so dwell in our hearts by faith, and possess our souls by Thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us; but that, being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to serve Thee in all good works, who art our Saviour, Lord, and God, blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy servants to restore and adorn this House, for Thy honour and worship, and for the ministry of Thy Holy Word and Sacraments. Bless them, O Lord, their families, and their substance, and accept the work of their hands; remember them concerning this; forget not this kindness that

they have shewed for the House of their God, and for the offices thereof; and grant, that all who now or hereafter shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may shew forth their thankfulness to Thee for the same, by making a right use of it, to the glory of Thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

If the restoration be a memorial, the prayer on page 42 may be used here.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, particularly for those of this Diocese and Parish, that they may be always found waiting on their ministry, and by their life and doctrine may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of the immortal souls committed to their charge; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, and Invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Here may be sung a Hymn.

IF MORNING PRAYER IS SAID:

PROPER PSALMS.

PSALM 15. *Domine, quis habitabit?*

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

2 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbor : and hath not slandered his neighbor.

4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

5 He that sweareth unto his neighbor, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.

6 He that hath not given his money upon usury: nor taken reward against the innocent.

7 Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

Glory be.

Psalm 84. *Quam dilecta!*

O how amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be alway praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13 O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be.

Psalm 100. *Jubilate Deo.*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves : we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be.

Proper Lessons.

First. Ezra iii. or Haggai ii.
Second. St. John iv. 19-26 or Heb. ix. 1-15.

AT THE HOLY COMMUNION:

The Collect.

Almighty God, who in days of old didst prosper and bless Thy servants in the rebuilding of Thy temple at

Jerusalem, and didst then promise to fill the house with glory, receive also, we pray Thee, and bless the work of, us, Thy servants; accept the sacrifices which shall be offered here; make Thy presence known to those who worship in this place; so shall Thy loving kindness be manifested and Thy name be glorified among men. Hear this our prayer, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For the Epistle. Rev. xxi. 2-5.
The Gospel. St. Matt. xxi. 9-17.

V.

THE ORDER FOR THE

CONSECRATION OF A CEMETERY, OR OF AN ADDITION TO A CEMETERY

The Bishop shall be received at the entrance of the Church or Churchyard by the Clergy of the Parish, the Churchwardens, and others. Then the Bishop, preceded by the Churchwardens, and followed by the Clergy, the Choir, and the Congregation, shall proceed around the Ground to be Consecrated, saying or singing one or more of the Psalms following:

PSALM 23. *Dominus regit me.*

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be.

PSALM 130. *De profundis.*

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Glory be.

[*Or, should it be inconvenient, from inclemency of weather or other cause, to proceed around the Ground, the Bishop, standing in some convenient place upon the Ground, shall say the foregoing Psalms.*]

Then shall the Bishop say:

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Then shall the Petition for Consecration be presented to the Bishop, with the words:

Reverend Father in God, we beg you to consecrate this ground for the burial of our dead.

The Bishop shall cause the Sentence of Consecration to be read, and shall sign it, and direct its preservation.

Then shall he declare the Ground consecrated, and bless it as follows:

Good people, by virtue of our sacred office in the Church of God, we do now consecrate and for ever set apart from all profane and common uses, this ground, to be the resting-place of the dead, until the glorious Resurrection at the last day; in the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be ever upon this place, and sanctify and keep it holy, that it may be a fit resting-place for the bodies of His saints, until the day of the Lord Jesus, when He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop add these Collects:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the Resurrection and the Life, who by Thy Death hast overcome death, and by Thy Rising again hast opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, who shalt send Thine angels and gather Thine elect from all the ends of the earth; We humbly beseech Thee for all those whose bodies shall here be committed to the ground, that they may rest in the hope of resurrection to eternal life, through

Thee, O blessed Lord God, who shalt change the body of our humiliation that it may be like unto the body of Thy glory, according to the mighty working whereby Thou art able to bring all things into subjection to Thyself: who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

O eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life: We beseech Thee to shed forth upon Thy whole Church in Paradise and on earth the bright beams of Thy light and heavenly comfort, and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served Thee here and are at rest, may with them at length enter into Thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*The following prayer may be used when there is a Chapel to be consecrated:*

Almighty Father, who hast been pleased to accept places upon which men have put the remembrance of Thy name, and hast visited and blessed them; we pray Thee to be with us assembled here to dedicate this Chapel to Thy service, separating it from all worldly uses. Accept this, our offering; sanctify this place by Thy presence; and grant that whatever prayers are herein offered in accordance with Thy will may be found acceptable unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*]

Here may follow an address, after which a Hymn may be sung.

Then shall the Bishop dismiss the people with the Blessing.

IF THERE BE A CELEBRATION

The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel shall be:

Collect. O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in Him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by His holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in Him; We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing, which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear Thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of My Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Thess. iv. 13 to end.
The Gospel. St. John vi. 37-41.

The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for Easter-even may be used in place of the above.

At Morning or Evening Prayer, Psalms iv., xvi., xlix. *may be used; and as Special Lessons,* Gen. xxiii. *and* St. John xi. 18-47.

Form of benediction of a grave in unconsecrated ground, to be used at the discretion of the minister.

O merciful God, who has taught us in Thy Holy Word that the bodies of the faithful are members of Christ and temples of the Holy Ghost, and that having been sown in weakness, they will be raised in power; We humbly beseech Thee to sanctify this Grave to be a peaceful resting-place for the mortal remains of our dear *brother* here departed; and grant, O Lord, that *he,* with all those that are departed this life in Thy true faith and fear, and are fallen asleep in Christ, may attain to the resurrection of the just, and may have the full fruition of perfect bliss and everlasting glory, both in body and soul, in Thy heavenly kingdom, through Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, and who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

VI.

FORM FOR THE

REMOVAL OF THE CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH

The Bishop, Clergy, Churchwardens and other officers, with as many other persons as may desire, being assembled within the building, a statement shall be made declaring the reasons why it is considered desirable that the consecration shall be removed from it.

The Bishop may then speak after this sort.

Good people, you have heard the reasons for which it is thought well that this church, hitherto consecrated and separated from all worldly uses, shall be no longer thus continued, but that it shall be taken down and moved away [*or* appropriated to other worldly purposes]. We, as Bishop of the Diocese [and consecrator of the church] have carefully considered these reasons. and are persuaded that they are just and right and such as will not be displeasing to Almighty God, to whom this church was dedicated and given. We believe rather that the glory of God and the work of His Spiritual building will be the more promoted by that which we are about to do.

Doubtless there are some to whom the building has become endeared by many sacred memories, and to whom it may appear that a loss has come, that something has passed out of their lives. Such persons will be comforted by the assurance that the Presence of God, and the consolation of our Holy Religion, are not tied to any one place or building. It may well be that

in the new and perhaps fairer building in which they will hereafter worship, God will increase to them sevenfold that with which He has blessed them in this place.

In determining upon the act of to-day, we have taken council with the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and have as required by the Canons obtained their consent.

We have caused that the Altar hitherto in this church should be carefully removed and protected from desecration.

We have also taken proper care that the congregation hitherto worshipping in this church shall be duly ministered to.

This being done, and there appearing to be no further hindrance in the way, we do now declare that the dedication and consecration placed upon this church is now removed therefrom, and it is hereby deprived of all rights, immunities, and privileges attached to a consecrated building. We further direct that this our act of to-day and the reasons therefor be entered upon the records of the diocese.

Then shall the Bishop say:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

O Lord God, who in Thy great goodness didst accept as a dwelling place for Thine honour this Church which

we are about to remove, receive, we pray Thee, our praises and thanksgivings for the blessings, help, and comfort Thou hast bestowed upon Thy people through the ministrations in this place. Grant that they may never pass from the hearts and lives of those who have received them. Continue in greater measure, we beseech Thee, Thy manifold mercies in the Church to be erected in Thy name and to Thy glory, that we may be ever conscious of Thy unchanging love. Hear this, our prayer, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.*

VII.

SERVICE FOR

THE ADMISSION OF LAY READERS TO THEIR OFFICE

At the appointed time each person to be admitted to the Office of Reader shall be presented unto the Bishop by a Priest appointed by him, with these words:

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you this person to be admitted to the Office of Lay Reader in this Diocese.

Then those who are to be admitted or licensed kneeling before the Bishop, he shall stand up and say:

Almighty and Merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service, look down, we beseech Thee, on this Thy servant [*or* these Thy servants] who *is* now to receive authority from us for *his* work in Thy Church. Pour upon *him* the abundance of Thy grace; make *him* modest and humble in *his* ministrations, ready to obey those set over *him* in the Lord, diligent to frame and fashion *his* own life, and the lives of *his* family, according to Thy blessed Word. Grant unto *him* to grow in the knowledge and love of Thy Word, that he may minister to the salvation of souls, to the edification of Thy Church, and to the glory of Thy Holy Name; so that finally *he* may have *his* portion with those who have faithfully served Thee in Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop shall say unto them as followeth:

Dearly beloved, who are to be admitted as Readers in the House of our God, we call upon you to know the holiness of that office, and to fulfil it with all reverence and godly fear. For our God is a mighty God, who will pour down upon you His grace that ye may go on to perfection.

And as ye are set in an high place in the Church, that your voice may be heard of all men, so ought ye to study to hold an high place likewise in all godly conversation, that ye may be models of holy living; to the attaining of which may God bestow upon you His heavenly grace.

Then shall the Bishop cause the Licence to be read. After which he shall deliver to each his Licence, saying:

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, rest upon thee, and upon thy work done in His Name.

The Lord give thee wisdom, courage, strength, and love to do His will, now and for evermore. Amen.

Here may be sung a Hymn, and an Address may be given on the Office and Duty of a Lay Reader.

Then shall the Bishop say:

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord. have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

O Lord God, Holy Father, vouchsafe to bless these Thy servants in their office of Lay Reader, that they

may be diligent in reading to Thy people, and may in their lives so set forth the beauty of the things they read that they may be for examples of holiness in Thy Church. Keep them by Thy grace in purity of life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop bless those present, saying:

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

It is desirable that this Service should be used before a celebration of the Holy Communion at which the Lay Readers shall communicate.

VIII.

A FORM FOR THE

SETTING APART OF DEACONESSES

All things being in readiness, a Priest shall present to the Bishop sitting in his chair, near to the Holy Table, such as are to be set apart as Deaconesses, saying:

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these women [*or* this woman], to be set apart to the office and work of Deaconess.

The Bishop.

Declare, we pray you, unto those who are here gathered what the office and work of a Deaconess are.

Then shall the Priest, addressing the People, say:

Dearly beloved, that it is agreeable to the mind of Christ that women should do Him service by offices of loving kindness, we gather from St. Paul, who saith to the Philippians, Help those women which labored with me in the Gospel, and who also commendeth unto the Romans one Phoebe, a Deaconess of the Church which was at Cenchrea.

Touching the duty of women set apart to this office and ministry, the Canons of the Church affirm that it is to assist the Minister in the care of the poor and sick, in the religious training of the young and others, and in the work of moral reformation. That *they* may be duly appointed to such service, *have these women* come hither.

Then shall the Bishop say as followeth:

Beloved, we have good confidence that *they* who *are* now presented to be set apart to the office of Deaconess *are* competent thereto, for it hath been so certified unto us, as the Canons require, by them whose word we trust. Nevertheless, if there be any who can allege aught on account of which it is inexpedient that *these persons* be so set apart, let protest be now made openly and before all men.

If no good reason be alleged by any why any should not be set apart, the following Lesson shall be read:

Romans xii.

Then shall be said or sung:

Psalm 100 *or* The Magnificat.

PSALM 100. *Jubilate Deo.*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves : we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be.

Then, all kneeling down, the Bishop shall say:

Unto Thee lift we up our eyes;

Answer. O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Bishop. As the eyes of a servant look unto the hand of his master, and as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress:

Answer. Even so our eyes wait upon Thee, O Lord, until Thou have mercy upon us.

Bishop. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Have mercy upon us.

Bishop. O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us;

Answer. As our trust is in Thee.

The Bishop.

O Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast in all times accepted and blessed the services of holy women; Look mercifully, we beseech Thee, upon *these* Thy *servants,* about to be set apart to the office and work of Deaconess. Protect *them* in the way wherein *they* go, and grant that in singleness of purpose and with a willing mind *they* may worthily accomplish the task to be committed to *them,* to Thy glory and to the praise of Thy Christ, to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be glory and worship for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop ask of them the following questions, to which each candidate shall answer for herself:

Dearly beloved in the Lord, who are minded to take upon you this service in the Church of God, have you duly considered how weighty an undertaking this is, and are you prepared with a willing mind to take upon you this office of ministering to the suffering and needy, and in all humility and godly submission to help the Ministers of God's Word and Sacraments?

Answer. I have so considered it, and will so do by the help of God.

Bishop. Will you be obedient to those who are over you in the Lord, cheerfully and faithfully performing the service that shall be appointed to you?

Answer. I will by the help of God.

Bishop. Inasmuch as this office is not to be lightly undertaken, is it your desire to give yourself to the work of the Lord as a Deaconess in singleness of heart?

Answer. I desire so to do by the help of God.

Then shall the Candidate kneel, and the Bishop shall say:

Almighty God, who hath called you to serve Him in this holy life, give you the power to fulfil this your service acceptably, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop lay his hands upon the head of the person to be made Deaconess, saying:

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and sanctify you; and so endow you with all faith, wisdom, and humility, that you may serve before Him to the glory of His great Name, and to the benefit of His Church and people; and make you faithful unto death, and give you the crown of everlasting life. *Amen.*

N. or M., I admit thee to the office of Deaconess, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O God, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; Grant unto *this* Thy servant by the same Spirit to perceive and know what things *she* ought to do, and to have grace and strength evermore to do the same; direct *her* in all times of doubt and perplexity;

strengthen *her* to bear the trial of *her* faith and patience; comfort *her* in times of sorrow; cheer *her* when faint and weary in the way. May Thy love, abounding towards *her* more and more, stir up *her* heart to greater deeds of love to Thee, and to all who need *her* service. And upon all those called to the office of Deaconess in Thy Church bestow Thy grace and heavenly benediction; enable them to bear each other's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Make them to know and feel their oneness in the mystical Body of Thy dear Son, so that their fellowship here in works of love may prove to them a blessed discipline, and thus prepare them at last for the society of Thy redeemed in heaven; through Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O God, who in Thy holy Word dost commend above all goodly apparel the ornament of a quiet spirit; adorn, we beseech Thee, *these* Thy *servants* with the meekness and the gentleness of Christ, that in all humility and singleness of heart they may run the way of Thy Commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

It is desirable that the Service of the Holy Communion should follow, the Deaconesses newly set apart communicating.

AT THE COMMUNION

The Collect.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour

into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Eph. iv 1-8.
The Gospel. St. Luke xii. 35-39.

IX.

OFFICE FOR

THE BENEDICTION OF A HOLY TABLE OR ALTAR

The Bishop and Clergy having taken their places in the Sanctuary, the Bishop standing in the midst shall say:

V. O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me:

R. And bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling.

V. I will go unto the Altar of God;

R. Even the God of my joy and gladness.

V. I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord:

R. And so will I go to Thine Altar.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

The Cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ? The Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?

V. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven:

R. That a man may eat thereof and not die.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give ear to the prayers which we humbly present before Thee; hallow this Altar [*or* Tàble] and the vessels thereof through the invocation of Thy holy Name; and grant that the offerings there made may be acceptable and well-pleasing unto Thee, through the grace and power of Thy Holy Spirit. Hearken evermore to the supplications of Thy household in this place, lighten their load of trouble and heal their diseases, grant their petitions and accept their resolutions, strengthen their good hopes and fulfil their holy desires; that we may ever draw nigh to the gift of Thy grace with conscience sound and undefiled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast given Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ not only to die for us but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in the Holy Sacrament of His Body and Blood; Grant that the memorial of His death may here be made with reverence and godly fear, and the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving be offered with holiness and joy, to the honour of Thy glorious Name, the benefit of Thy holy Church, and the comfort of souls that shall live by feeding upon Him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, may come to that holy Mystery with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. *Amen.*

The Lesson.

1 Cor. xi. 23-26.

Any of the following prayers may be used before the Benediction.

Psalm 84, *or a Eucharistic Hymn, may be sung.*

[*If the Holy Table be a Memorial, the following prayer may be added:*

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks for our *brother* whom it hath pleased Thee to deliver out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching Thee that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*]

[*If the Holy Table be the gift of a special Donor or Donors, the following may be said:*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased Thee, by Thy good Spirit, to put into the *hearts* of Thy *servants* the desire to set up this Holy Table, to Thy honour and glory. Bless, O Lord, *them,* their *families* and substance, and accept the work of *their* hands; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*]

O God, who through the ministry of Thy holy angel didst so marvellously refresh Elijah in the desert, that he went in the strength of that meat unto Horeb, the mount of God; Grant unto us whom Thou dost likewise refresh with the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son, that we may pass safely through the temptations and trials of this world, until we come to Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

It is most desirable that there should be a Celebration of the Holy Communion. In this case the Lesson will be omitted, the Celebration following the Psalm or Hymn, the last prayers being said before the Blessing.

The Collect.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a Memorial of Thy Passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy Holy Redemption; who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Cor. xi. 23-27.
The Gospel. St. John vi. 53-59.

X.

THE FORM FOR

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF A SCHOOL, OR THE OPENING OF A SCHOOL BUILDING

When all have taken their appointed places, the Minister shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern those whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. Come, ye children, and hearken unto me:
R. *And I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*
V. What man is he that feareth the Lord: him shall He teach in the way that He shall choose.
R. *I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*
V. O ye that love the Lord: see that ye hate the thing which is evil.
R. *I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
R. *Come, ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

[1] *V.* Behold I lay in Sion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious:
R. And he that believeth in Him shall not be confounded.
V. This is the Lord's doing:
R. And it is marvellous in our eyes.
V. Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid:
R. Which is Jesus Christ.

Then the Minister laying his hand upon the Stone shall say:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who art the brightness of the Father's Glory, and the express image of His Person, the one Foundation, and the chief Cornerstone; Bless what we now do in [laying this Stone], in Thy name, and be Thou, we beseech Thee, the beginning, the increase, and the consummation of this our work, which is undertaken to the glory of Thy Name, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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[1] *The Versicles may be omitted if it be the occasion of the Opening of a School Building, and for the words in brackets there shall be substituted* "dedicating this Building," "dedicate this Building."

Then all things being made ready, the Stone shall be laid [or the Building shall be dedicated] by the person appointed thereto striking it three times with these words:

In the Faith of Jesus Christ we [place this Foundation Stone], in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then may be sung a Hymn, followed by
The Lesson: St. Luke ii. 40 to end.

Then shall the Minister say:

V. Except the Lord build the house:
R. Their labour is but lost that build it.

Let us pray.

O Holy Lord God, who art the giver of all wisdom, and dost will that children should be brought up in the fear and love of Thy Holy Name; Pour down, we beseech Thee, Thy mercy and Thy loving kindness upon this place, that all who shall be gathered together here may learn to love what Thou commandest, and to desire that which Thou dost promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. Them that are meek shall He guide in judgment:
R. And such as are gentle, them shall He learn His way.

Almighty Father, who didst cause Thy Incarnate Son to be subject unto earthly superiors, grant Thy Spirit unto the children who shall gather in this place, that they may be gentle and tractable, may obey those set over them, and as they grow in years, may grow in grace and in Thy favour; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. May our sons grow up as the young plants:
R. And our daughters be as the polished corners of the Temple.

Blessed Lord, who didst bid little children to be brought unto Thee, that Thou mightest bless them; We beseech Thee to bless all who, having been grafted into Thy Church by Baptism, shall be trained here to lead a godly and a Christian life. Protect them, O Lord, from all evil, both of body and soul, and preserve them blameless unto Thy coming, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

V. All Thy children shall be taught of the Lord:
R. And great shall be the peace of Thy children.

O God, without whom our labour is but lost; Give Thy grace, we beseech Thee, to those who shall teach in this School, granting them a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the bliss of serving Thee in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here an Address may be given, followed by a Hymn, during which an offering may be made if so desired.

Then shall the Minister say

The Collect.

O Almighty God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head cornerstone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Benediction.

XI.

A FORM FOR THE

BENEDICTION OF A PARISH HOUSE OR MISSION ROOM

All being assembled in the principal Room, a Hymn of Praise shall be sung.

The Minister shall then say:

Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business, fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
R. *Who hath made heaven and earth.*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy servants to build and dedicate this Parish House to Thy glory and for the use of Thy people. Accept, we pray Thee, the offering of Thy servants, and remember for good all who have contributed to this work. Let Thy blessing rest upon this House, that it may serve the purposes

for which it is intended. Grant that here brotherly love and true fellowship may ever abound, and Thy people encourage one another in all good works, to the honour of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. Behold how good and joyful a thing it is:
R. For brethren to dwell together in unity.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who art the chief Cornerstone of Thy Church; Bless this Building which is now completed in Thy Name, and grant that it may tend to promote Thy glory, and the welfare of Thy people in this place. Fill those who shall frequent it with a spirit of love towards Thee, and towards all men. Within these walls make all thoughts and words to be only those of love and kindness, and grant that those who here shall learn the way of Thy statutes, may walk before Thee with a perfect heart, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. May our sons grow up as the young plants:
R. And our daughters be as the polished corners of the temple.

We beseech Thy special blessing, O Father, on the Sunday School held in this House. Grant to the teachers faithfulness, diligence, and devotion, and to the scholars pure hearts and open minds, that they may be trained in Thy knowledge and love, to serve Thee faithfully in their generation and to find acceptance with Thee at the last; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister say:

In the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Building to the glory of God; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Here an Address may be given, followed by a Hymn, during which an offering may be made.

Then shall the Minister say:

Visit, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this place with Thy mercy, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and may Thy blessing be upon us evermore; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Note.—If a Service for Laying the Foundation Stone of a Church Room or Institute be required, the Form for Laying the Stone of a School Building may be used, with the Lesson, 1 Cor. xiii.; *the prayers that follow the Lesson to be taken from this Office, with such alteration as is necessary.*

XII.

FORM FOR THE
BENEDICTION OF A NEW RECTORY

The Clergy and people being assembled in a convenient place at the entrance to the House, the Minister shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High:

Answer. Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Priest. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Priest. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Direct, us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM 121. *Levavi oculos.*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be.

Psalm 127. *Nisi Dominus.*

Except the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost that build it.

2 Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but in vain.

3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

4 Lo, children, and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant : even so are the young children.

6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them : they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Glory be.

The Lesson. Col. iii. 12 to end and iv. 1-3.

Here may follow an Address; which ended, the Minister shall say:

IN THE HALL.

V. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:
R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, from whom every good thing hath its beginning, and receiveth its life and growth; We pray Thee send Thy blessing on this house, and on all who shall dwell therein. May they offer to Thee a willing sacrifice of their bodily strength, and of all the powers of their mind, and may they be preserved by Thee both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

IN THE LIVING ROOM.

V. Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is:
R. For brethren to dwell together in unity.

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, give Thy blessing to those whom, from time to time, Thou shalt bring together to dwell as one household in this place, that they may dwell in love and peace together according to Thy law. Grant that as Thou dost place them in various relations and friendships for the discipline of their affections, so by the exercise thereof they may go forward to perfection, until all earthly love shall be perfected in the love of Thee, and Thou, O God, shalt be all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IN THE STUDY.

V. Mine eyes prevent the night watches:
R. That I might meditate in Thy Word.

Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, grant Thy blessing to Thy servants the *Clergy* of this parish in the study of Thy Holy Word, and of all that helps to the knowledge and to the effectual ministry of the same. Give them grace to lay aside the study of the world and the flesh, and so enlighten their minds with Thy truth, and their hearts with Thy love, that they may be faithful teachers and examples in Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IN THE DINING ROOM.

V Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do:
R. Do all to the glory of God.

Let us pray.

O Lord, who hast ordained that by daily food we shall renew our strength for daily labour; Bless, we pray Thee, this room to the use of Thy servants in their social meals. Pour Thy grace into their hearts, that, being here nourished by Thy gifts, and living in cheerful harmony one with another, they may be enabled to render to Thee thanks and praise in the keeping of Thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IN THE BED ROOMS.

V. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest:
R. For it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Let us pray.

O most merciful Father, who givest to Thy beloved sleep, and to Thy wearied ones rest; May all Thy servants who shall occupy these chambers lie down in peace, and may their sleep be sweet to them. Give Thine Angels charge concerning them, to keep them in body and soul; when they wake may they rise with renewed strength and thankful hearts, devoting to Thy service day by day the life which Thou lengthenest; and when at last they lie down to die, grant to them a peaceful passing and a blessed resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Let us pray.

Our Father.

Visit, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this house and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy; let Thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

XIII.

FORM FOR THE

OPENING OF A HOSPITAL

OR A WARD OF A HOSPITAL

After a Hymn has been sung, the Bishop or other Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

V. Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High:
R. Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

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4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be.

Then one of the following Lessons may be read:

St. Matt. ix. 1-9; St. James v. 11-17; Ecclus. xxxviii. 1-15.

The Minister.

Let us pray, brethren, unto the Lord our God, that He may enlighten this Hospital with His loving kindness, and grant unto its inmates the protection of His divine Majesty.

Then shall follow one or more of these Prayers:

O God, who ever governest Thy creatures with tender affection; Incline Thine ear to our supplications, and graciously regard Thy servants who in this house are suffering from any sickness or weakness. Visit them with Thy saving health, and bestow on them the medicine of Thy heavenly grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast enabled us to erect these Buildings for Thine honour and glory, and for the relief of the suffering of our fellow men; and we beseech Thy goodness

graciously to accept them for this sacred service, and to prosper our undertaking. Receive our prayers, and the prayers of all Thy servants who, entering this house, shall call to Thee for help. Prosper all the works of tenderness and skill that shall be done in Thy spirit, and bless this home for ever to the assuaging of pain, the solace of helplessness and weariness, and to the comfort of the dying; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister say:

In the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Building to the glory of God; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then an Address may be given, after which a Hymn may be sung and the alms of the people collected for the Hospital.

Which ended, the Minister shall say:

Let us pray for all Benefactors of this Hospital.

V. Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy:
R. The Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

Bless, O Lord, the work of Thine own hands; and grant that all they who with pure intent have given their aid to the raising of this Building, whensoever they shall call upon Thy holy Name, may be preserved both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Physicians of the Hospital.

V. I have given you an example:
R. That ye also should do as I have done to you.

O Lord, the healer of all our diseases, who knowest how the sick have need of a physician; Bless all whom Thou hast called to be sharers in Thine own work of healing with health alike of body and soul; that they may ever exercise their art in dependence upon Thee, in purity of spirit and in reverent care for Thy sake of Thy people to whom they minister; grant unto Thy servants that they may both succour Thy troubled children and glorify Thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Nurses.

V. Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these My brethren:
R. Ye did it unto Me.

O Almighty Father, look with Thy mercy upon Thy servants who have been called to tend the sick and suffering; grant to them the guidance and comfort of Thy Holy Spirit, that with purity, patience and tenderness, wisdom and strength, they may faithfully minister to those to whom Thou shalt send them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Him, to whom all things, in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore our defence, and make us to know and feel that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, we may receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Additional Prayers at the discretion of the Minister.

FOR THE HOSPITAL.

Raise up, we pray Thee, O Lord, many who shall willingly dedicate their substance to the upbuilding and support of this Hospital. Let there be no lack of means to carry on continuously and successfully its work of mercy. And may the influence of its ministry to the sick and to the wounded, to the young and to the old, ever be to the advancement of Thy Kingdom, to Thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOR THE NURSES' HOME.

Almighty God, grant that those who shall dwell in this place may live together in true fellowship, loyal to those in authority over them, and to the cause which they represent; not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. And when, in due time, they go hence, may they be well fitted for their work of caring for the sick. All this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

FOR THE DEDICATION OF A BED

The Hymn and Lesson may be omitted. The Psalm shall be Ps. 23.

The Office being said to the end of the Psalm, the Minister shall say:

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy servants to provide a Bed for this Hospital to Thy honour and glory, for the alleviation of the sufferings of the sick. Bless them, O Lord, their families and their substance, and accept the works of their hand: remember them concerning this; forget not this kindness that they have shewed for the sick and needy, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this work, may show forth their thankfulness to the glory of Thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Bed to the glory of God and in loving memory of ———.

O Lord, we beseech Thee of Thy merciful goodness to accept the offering of this Hospital Bed that we make to Thee, not of our own but of Thine, for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own do we give Thee: and grant that all those who shall use it may receive Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do Thee service in heaven, so, by Thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

XIV.

A FORM FOR THE

DEDICATION OR BENEDICTION OF VARIOUS GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

This Office may be used by itself, or in connection with the Holy Communion or Morning or Evening Prayer.

The Gifts or Memorials, if they are such as can be conveniently handled, shall be placed upon the Holy Table or on some suitable table in or near the Sanctuary, that the Priest may conveniently lay his hand upon them.

If the thing to be blessed is permanently fixed, as a Font or Window, the Priest shall go to the place and say the appointed prayer.

At the appointed time, all things being placed in order, the Minister standing before the Altar shall say:

PSALM 132. *Memento Domine.*

Lord, remember David : and all his trouble :
2 How he sware unto the Lord : and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob :
3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house : nor climb up into my bed;
4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber : neither the temples of my head to take any rest;
5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord : an habitation for the Mighty God of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata : and found it in the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacle : and fall low on our knees before his footstool.

8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place : thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness : and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

10 For thy servant David's sake : turn not away the presence of thine anointed.

11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David: and he shall not shrink from it :

12 Of the fruit of thy body : shall I set upon thy seat.

13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall learn them : their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.

14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself : he hath longed for her.

15 This shall be my rest for ever : here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

16 I will bless her victuals with increase : and will satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will deck her priests with health : and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish : I have ordained a lantern for mine anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame : but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Glory be.

Then shall he read the Lesson.

Exodus xxxv. 21-30.

The Lesson ended, the Minister shall say:

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
R. *Who hath made Heaven and Earth.*

V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord:
R. *Henceforth and for evermore.*
V. O Lord, hear our prayer.
R. *And let our cry come unto Thee.*
V. The Lord be with you:
R. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who from ancient times hast put it into the hearts of Thy people to make offerings for Thy Service and the use of Thy Sanctuary, and who hast been pleased at all times to accept gifts at their hands; We pray Thee to accept this gift [memorial] which we now set apart in Thy Name. May Thy blessing rest on this gift [and the giver of it], that Thy Church may be benefited, Thy worship made more worthy, and Thy Name may be exalted and glorified continually; we ask this in the name and for the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then, drawing near and laying his hand upon the gift or memorial, he shall say:

In the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord we dedicate this ——— to the glory of God [and in memory of His servant ——— ———], in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then shall follow the proper Prayer.

OF A FONT.

V. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean :
R. *Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, hallow by Thy heavenly visitation, and the radiancy of Thy Holy Spirit, this Font, which we dedicate unto Thee, that whosoever shall be baptized therein, being cleansed by the threefold washing, may of Thy bounty obtain the pardon of all their sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, bring us to the fellowship of heavenly joy; that Thou mayest vouchsafe an entrance into Thy kingdom to those that are born again of the Holy Ghost, and that the flock may reach that place whither the Shepherd hath gone before; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OF A PULPIT OR LECTERN

V. When Thy Word goeth forth:
R. It giveth light and understanding unto the simple.
V. Open Thou mine eyes:
R. That I may see the wondrous things of Thy law.
V. Thy word is a lantern unto my feet:
R. And a light unto my paths.

Let us pray.

[*If it be a pulpit*]

O Almighty God, who dost enlighten the minds of Thy servants with the knowledge of Thy truth; Give, we beseech Thee, to those who shall preach in this Pulpit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, that they may speak those things which belong unto eternal life: Grant that Thy peo-

ple, taught in Thy ways, may so take heed to what they hear, that by the word of truth they may attain unto Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*If it be a lectern*]

Grant, O Lord, that all who in this place shall read the Scriptures which Thou hast given us may be filled with the faith of the Gospel, and with thankfulness to Thee who dost reveal Thyself to men by the Word of Life. And grant that all who hear may receive that word into honest and good hearts, and may bring forth fruit with patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OF AN ORGAN.

V. O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready :
R. *I will sing and give praise.*
V. Awake, thou lute and harp :
R. *I myself will awake right early.*
V. Upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God:
R. *I will sing and give praise.*

Let us pray.

O God, who by Thy servant David didst appoint for the Levites instruments of music, to praise Thee; Graciously vouchsafe to receive at our hands this Organ, which we dedicate unto Thy service, that we may sing our songs thereto all the days of our life in the House of the Lord; and grant us so to do with the spirit and with the understanding also, that we may be numbered among those who shall sing the new song before Thy throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We praise Thee, Lord, for Thy blessings upon us, and for all Thy servants into whose hearts Thou hast put it to dedicate this Organ unto Thy Name. Bless them with the riches of Thy goodness, and grant that by the reverent and holy use of this instrument, Thy praise may now and ever be set forth in Thy Church, and Thy service day by day be done in the beauty of holiness for Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OF A BELL, OR A PEAL, OR A CHIME.

V. Sing we merrily unto God our strength:
R. Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
V. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound : they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.
R. Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who by the mouth of Thy servant Moses didst command to make silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies; Be pleased to accept our offering of this the work of our hands; bless, and hallow these Bells for our use, and grant that through this generation, and through those that are to come, they may continually call together Thy faithful people, to praise and worship Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called by the sound of these Bells to Thine House of Prayer may enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving, and into Thy courts with praise; and finally may sing the song of the Lamb in Thine House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever by reason of sickness or any other necessity, is hindered from coming into the House of the Lord, may by these Bells be reminded of the prayers of Thy Church, and rejoice in the Communion of Saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who with their outward ears shall in their daily calling hear the sound of these Bells, may be stirred inwardly in their hearts, and draw nearer in spirit to Thee, the God of their salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that all they who shall minister to Thy service by ringing these Bells may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and mindful of the sacredness of Thy House, may put away from them all idle thoughts and vain words and render to Thee an acceptable service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that all they for whose passing away from this world these Bells shall sound, may be received into the Paradise of Thine elect, and find grace, light, and everlasting rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OF A WINDOW

V. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts :
R. Show the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

V. Show Thy servants Thy work :
R. *And their children Thy glory.*
V. Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us :
R. *O prosper Thou our handiwork.*

Let us pray.

O Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, the entrance of whose Word giveth light; Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to accept this offering at our hands, for the adornment of Thy House of Prayer, and to consecrate this our gift to Thy glory and ourselves to Thy service; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O Almighty and eternal God, whose Divine Majesty filleth heaven and earth, who nevertheless dost deign to receive our willing offerings of what Thyself hast given; Vouchsafe, we humbly beseech Thee, to accept this Window which we now dedicate to Thy honour, for the adornment of Thy House [and in memory of Thy servant]. Grant that they who worship here, being drawn by thy Holy Spirit to the contemplation and love of heavenly things, may daily be conformed to the image of Thy dear Son; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and praise now and for evermore. *Amen.*

OF A CHANCEL SCREEN.

V. Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee:
R. *In whose heart are Thy ways.*
V. They will go from strength to strength:
R. *And unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.*

Let us pray.

O Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth; Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to accept this offering at

our hands, which we dedicate to Thee for the adornment of Thy Sanctuary and House of Prayer, and to consecrate this our gift to Thy glory and ourselves to Thy service; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that all who shall approach Thy Sanctuary through these gates, may come before Thee with pure thoughts and clean hearts, and serving Thee with reverence and godly fear, may be acceptable in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that we with all those that are departed in Thy faith and fear, may be counted worthy to enter hereafter through the gates into the heavenly Jerusalem, and be partakers of Thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OF A REREDOS.

V. O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me.

R. And bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling.

V. I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord.

R. And so will I go to Thine altar.

Let us pray.

Lord, we beseech Thee of Thy merciful goodness to accept the Offering of this Reredos that we make not of our own but of Thine, for all things come of Thee and of Thine own do we give Thee; and grant that what neither art nor costliness can make meet for Thy service may ever be hallowed by Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who didst teach Thy servant Moses to build Thee a tabernacle after the pattern that was shown him in the mount, making earthly things to be a sign

and token of things heavenly; Grant to us who have been brought unto Thee by the more excellent ministry of Thy Son, to grow into an holy temple in the Lord, builded together for an habitation of God in the Spirit; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy passion; Grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy holy redemption, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

OF THE SACRED VESSELS.

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us:
R. *And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.*
V. Thou givest them Bread from Heaven:
R. *Containing in itself all sweetness.*

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who didst appoint of old time vessels of gold and silver for the service of Thy Sanctuary; Vouchsafe we pray Thee to bless, hallow, and consecrate these Vessels we offer for the service of Thy Church on earth, and the glory of Thy Name.

Grant, O Lord, that those who shall receive from these Vessels the Sacramental Gifts which Thou by Thy Son hast appointed, may be fed with the Food of Everlasting Life, and hereafter eat and drink with Thee in Thy Kingdom, where with the Son and the Holy Ghost Thou art worshipped God for evermore. *Amen.*

OF A PASTORAL STAFF.

To be said by a Bishop.

V. Honour them who have the rule over you:
R. *And esteem them highly for their work's sake.*
V. Lord, hear our prayer:
R. *And let our cry come unto Thee.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who from the beginning hast been pleased to appoint men to hold office in the worship of Thy Sanctuary and in the care of Thy people, and hast in Thy wisdom given unto them symbols of the offices they hold for Thee; Bless, sanctify, and hallow this Staff which we bless in Thy Name and Presence, and grant that he to whom it shall be committed may ever be found worthy to bear it before Thee. May he be diligent in gathering Thy people, especially those who like sheep have gone astray; may he rule the faithful in righteousness; and may he be careful in Thy Name to correct offenders and to stir up those who are negligent; and grant that he, filled with the Holy Ghost, may so persevere in all holiness of living and service that, when the great Shepherd shall appear, he may be found among His faithful servants and find a place of rest at Thy Right Hand with Him in glory; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OF MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
R. *Who hath made heaven and earth.*
V. Lord, hear our prayer:
R. *And let our cry come unto Thee.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who willest that all things should be done decently and in order, and acceptest from the hands of Thy servants things great and small; Accept, bless, and sanctify this ——— ——— which we now offer for the service of Thy House, and grant that all our gifts and prayers may come up before Thee and be acceptable in Thy sight; through the merits of Thy Son, Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

If the gift be a Memorial of one departed the following prayer may be added:

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks for our *brother* whom it hath pleased Thee to deliver out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching Thee that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Minister having completed the Dedication shall return to the Altar and say:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

XV.

SERVICE FOR

DEDICATION FESTIVAL OR ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH

Morning and Evening Prayer shall be the same with the usual Office for the Day, except where it is in this Office otherwise appointed. If the Service is said on a Sunday or Holy Day the Lessons shall be the Lessons proper for the Day, but the Psalms shall be those appointed in this Office, and the Collect for the Sunday or Holy Day shall be the first said.

PROPER PSALMS.

Any of the following may be used: Psalms 24, 26, 27, 84, 122, 132, 133, 134.

PROPER LESSONS.

Any of the following may be used:

First Lesson. Hag. ii. 1-10; 1 Chr. xxix. 1-23; 1 Kings viii. 22-54; *or* 1 Kings viii. 54 to end.

Second Lesson. Heb. x. 19-26; Rev. xxi. 1-8; Eph. ii. 11 to end.

The Collect.

O God, who in Thy love hast brought us again to the day of consecration of this, Thy holy temple, and hast enabled us to be present in safety at the celebra-

tion of Thy holy mysteries, hearken to the prayers of Thy people, and grant that whosoever shall enter into this place to ask any blessing from Thee, may rejoice in the obtaining of their petitions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Epistle. 1 Cor. iii. 16 to end.
Gospel. St. John x. 22-29.

The following Collect may be used immediately before the Blessing:

O Lord, we glorify Thee in Thy servants our founders and benefactors departed out of this present life; beseeching Thee that, as they for their time bestowed charitably to our comfort the temporal things which Thou didst give them, so we for our time may fruitfully use the same to the setting forth of Thy holy Word to Thy laud and praise; and finally that both they and we may reign with Thee in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At Morning or Evening Prayer.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to our prayers, that all we who enter this temple (the dedication of which we celebrate on this anniversary), may please Thee with full and perfect devotion of soul and body; that while we now render to Thee our prayers, we may by Thy help be enabled to attain Thine eternal rewards; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

XVI.

FEAST OF THE TITLE

OR HOLY DAY OR SAINT'S DAY FROM WHICH THE CHURCH TAKES ITS NAME

On these Festivals, where the Saint or Mystery[1] *in whose name the Church is dedicated has a proper office in the Prayer Book, the Service shall be that of the Day.*

Where the Saint has no proper office in the Prayer Book, the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel and the Lessons for All Saints' Day may be used; the words "especially Saint ———" *being used after the words* "blessed Saints" *in the Collect.*

For Proper Psalms any of the following may be said:
Psalms 15, 16, 25, 26, 35, 116.

The following prayers may be used before the Blessing at the Holy Communion, and at Morning or Evening Prayer:

O God, who hast chosen material things to be the instruments of divine grace, grant us so to realize the glory of that heavenly fellowship wherein Thou callest us to worship Thee, that we may better show our reverence for Thy majesty by our care for Thy holy house, and in the beauty with which we are permitted to celebrate Thy sacred functions, may attain to the more

[1] *e. g.* Trinity Church would have its Feast of the Title on Trinity Sunday, and Emmanuel Church on Christmas Day or the Annunciation.

faithful acknowledgment of their inward power, to the glory of Thy great name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray thee, this Congregation with thy love and favour; enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

XVII.

AN OFFICE FOR

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

First Lesson. Deuteronomy xxvi.
Second Lesson. Acts xiv. 8-18.

Morning Prayer having been said to the end of the Collect for Grace, the following may be used at the discretion of the Minister.

Then shall be sung a Hymn or Anthem: after which the Minister shall say:

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious;
Answer. And His mercy endureth for ever.

Then, all kneeling, shall be said this Thanksgiving:

Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew; We yield Thee unfeigned thanks and praise for the return of seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, and for all the other blessings of Thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And we beseech Thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies; such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*

Then these Prayers:

For Grace to honour God with our Substance.

O Lord God, to whom belongeth the earth and the fullness thereof; Give us grace to honour Thee with our substance, and with the first-fruits of all our increase; that we may be blessed in the use of Thy gifts, and sanctified to Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Blessing on the Families of the Land.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; We commend to Thy continual care the families of Thy people, and the homes in which they dwell. Put far from them, we pray Thee, the desire of vain glory, the pride of life, and every root of bitterness. Endue them with faith, temperance, patience, and godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who have been united in holy wedlock and the children whom Thou hast given them; and so kindle charity among us all, that we may be evermore kindly affectioned with brotherly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For all Poor, Homeless, and Neglected Folk.

O God, almighty and merciful, who healest those that are broken in heart, and turnest the sadness of the sorrowful to joy; Let Thy fatherly goodness be upon all that Thou hast made. Remember in pity such as are this day destitute, homeless, or forgotten of their fellow-men. Bless the congregation of Thy poor. Forgive us wherein we have failed to care for the sick, the helpless, and the needy, and stir us up to love and

to good works. Give unto all men the desire of industry and the opportunity of honest labour, that they may dwell peaceably upon the earth. Lift up those who are cast down; befriend innocent sufferers, sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs, and mightily deliver them. Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people; and by Thy grace preserve from falling those whose penury tempteth them to sin. Hear us, O Lord, for the love of Him who for our sakes became poor, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

AT THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Collect.

O God, who hast promised that, while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest shall not cease; Grant that, being nourished by Thy bounty, we may be faithful in Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle, 2 Cor. ix. 6 to end.
The Gospel. St. John vi. 27-36.

XVIII.

A FORM OF

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

OR OTHER DAYS OF SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCE SET FORTH BY AUTHORITY

AT MORNING PRAYER.

The Sentences.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency.

The Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey.

First Lesson. Deut. xxvi. 1-12.
Second Lesson. Rom. xiii. 1-11.

The Collect as printed on page 82.

At the end of Morning Prayer a Hymn or Anthem may be sung and an Address given.

After the Address shall be said:

Let us pray.

For the Country.

Almighty God, who in the former time didst lead our fathers forth into a wealthy place, and set their feet in a large room; Give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to us their children, that we may always approve ourselves a people mindful of Thy favour and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Defend our liberties; preserve our unity; save us from lawlessness and violence, from discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Fashion into one godly people the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom we entrust in Thy Name with the authority of governance, to the end that there may be good government at home and peace with all the world. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail. All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

On the Fourth of July.

O God, whose Name is excellent in all the earth, and Thy glory above the heavens; who on this day didst inspire and direct the hearts of our delegates in Congress to lay the foundations of our national peace, liberty, and safety; We bless and adore Thy glorious Majesty for all Thy loving kindness manifested towards this land and people; and we humbly beseech Thee to continue Thy goodness to us, that the heritage received from our fathers may be preserved in our time, and be transmitted unimpaired to the generations to come; that all nations of the earth may know that Thou, O Lord, art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer, and our King for ever. Grant this, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Public Peace.

O God, whose kingdom ruleth over all; Bestow Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon those who hold the civil authority in this state and nation, that by their right administration of the laws and our careful obedience to the same, we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Any other Prayers or Thanksgivings suitable to the day from the Prayer Book or Book of Offices as set forth by authority may be added here.

Then may follow a special Hymn of Thanksgiving.

The Benediction.

IF THERE BE A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION,

Morning Prayer shall end after the Prayer for the President and the Prayers given above shall be said immediately before the Benediction.

The Collect.

O Almighty Lord, who fashionest the hearts of men, and considerest all their works; Grant, we beseech Thee, to us and to all the people of this land, the spirit of obedience to Thy commandments, that walking humbly in Thy fear, we may, under Thy mighty protection, possess our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle. Acts xvii. 24-27 and 28, 1st half.
The Gospel. St. Mark xii. 28-34.

For the Fourth of July.

The Gospel. St. John viii. 31-37.

XIX.

FORM OF SERVICE FOR

A DAY OF SPECIAL HUMILIATION

AT MORNING PRAYER

PROPER PSALMS.

PSALM 6. *Domine, ne in furore.*

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation: neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak : O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled : but Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

4 Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me, for thy mercy's sake.

5 For in death no man remembereth thee : and who will give thanks in the pit?

6 I am weary of my groaning, every night wash I my bed : and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble : and worn away because of all mine enemies.

8 Away from me, all ye that work vanity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my petition : the Lord will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed : they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Glory be.

PSALM 25. *Ad te, Domine, levavi.*

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Show me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For thy Name's sake, O Lord : be merciful unto my sin; for it is great.

11 What man is he that feareth the Lord : him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

12 His soul shall dwell at ease : and his seed shall inherit the land.

13 The secret of the Lord is among them that fear him : and he will show them his covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord : for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me : for I am desolate, and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged : O bring thou me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery : and forgive me all my sin.

18 Consider mine enemies, how many they are: and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

19 O keep my soul, and deliver me : let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me : for my hope hath been in thee.

21 Deliver Israel, O God : out of all his troubles.

Glory be.

Proper Lessons. Daniel ix. 1-20. St. Luke xix. 41-45. *Or* St. Luke xx. 9-19.

Collects.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us Thy

humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall follow the Litany, omitting the General Thanksgiving.

A Sermon or Address.

The first two Collects as above, followed by the Collect for aid against perils, the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, and the Grace.

AT EVENING PRAYER

Proper Psalms. 42, 43, 70.

Proper Lessons. 2 Chron. vi. 18 to end. Heb. x. 23 32.

The Collects as above followed by the Prayer of St. Chrysostom and the Grace.

Then may follow a Sermon or Address.

After the Sermon may be said a Litany from the Book of Offices or the Penitential Office from the Prayer Book.

IF THERE BE A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION,

the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for Ash Wednesday may be used, the Penitential Office being omitted.

Or the following:

The Collect.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions;

and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

For the Epistle. Micah vi. 3-9.
The Gospel. St. Matt. vii. 21-28.

XX.

A COMPLINE OFFICE

Minister. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Turn thou us, O God our Saviour;

Answer. And let Thine anger cease from us.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

Then shall be sung or said the Antiphon, and after that one or more of the Psalms following.

Antiphon. Save us, O Lord.

PSALM 4. *Cum invocarem.*

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness : thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to

himself the man that is godly : when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There be many that say : Who will show us any good?

7 Lord, lift thou up : the light of thy countenance upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart : since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.

9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be.

Psalm 31. *In te, Domine, speravi.*

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me : make haste to deliver me.

3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence : that thou mayest save me.

4. For thou art my strong rock, and my castle : be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me : for thou art my strength.

6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit : for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Glory be.

Psalm 91. *Qui habitat.*

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold : my God, in him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers : his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.

9 For thou, Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy him : and show him my salvation.

Glory be.

PSALM 134. *Ecce nunc.*

Behold now, praise the Lord : all ye servants of the Lord;
2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord : even in the courts of the house of our God.
3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and praise the Lord.
4 The Lord that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.
Glory be.

Antiphon. Save us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

HYMN

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with Thy wonted favor, Thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

2 From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.

3 O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.

Then may follow a Lesson of Holy Scripture.

Then shall the Minister say the Compline Verse:

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name; leave us not. *Jer. xiv. 9.*

Minister. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

Answer. For Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

Minister. Keep me as the apple of an eye;

Answer. Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

Antiphon. Lord, grant us Thy light.

Nunc dimittis. St. Luke ii. 29.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation.

Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be.

Antiphon. Lord, grant us Thy light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true Light, which is Christ.

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty : From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Then shall be said, all kneeling:

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Minister. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers:

Answer. And worthy to be praised, and glorified for ever.

Minister. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

Answer. Let us praise and exalt Him forever.

Minister. Blessed be Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

Answer. And praised for evermore.

Minister. The almighty and merciful God bless us and keep us.

Answer. Amen.

Minister and People. We confess to Thee, O God the Father Almighty, that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed, by our own fault, our own grievous fault. We repent ourselves of these our transgressions, and we beseech Thee to grant us forgiveness for the past, and grace to amend our lives in time to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Alternative form of confession.

We confess to God the Father Almighty, to His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and to God the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by our fault, our own fault, our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to have mercy upon us, to forgive us all that is past, and to grant us grace to amend our lives in time to come. Amen.

Minister. The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you remission of your sins, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Minister. Vouchsafe, O Lord,
Answer. To keep us this night without sin.
Minister. O Lord, have mercy upon us,
Answer. Have mercy upon us.
Minister. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:
Answer. As our trust is in Thee.
Minister. Turn us again, Thou God of hosts:
Answer. Show the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer;
Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.
Minister. The Lord be with you;
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.

Then shall be said the Collects following.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Give us light in the night season, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and grant that our rest may be without sin, and our waking to Thy service; that we may come in peace and safety to the waking of the great day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here the Minister may add, at his discretion, any prayers from the Book of Common Prayer, or from this Book, concluding the Office as followeth:

Minister. Bless we the Lord.
Answer. Thanks be to God.

Minister. The Almighty Lord grant us a quiet night and a good end.

Answer. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

XXI.

SERVICE OF

THE BEATITUDES OF THE GOSPEL

This service may be used on any week day and may be followed by an address or meditation.

The Minister standing at the Chancel steps facing the people shall say:

Let us hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, as He delivers to us the Laws of His Spiritual Kingdom, praying that we may so fulfil those laws that we may enter and dwell therein.

The Minister shall then rehearse the Beatitudes, the people kneeling and making a response to each.

Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Response. Lord, open Thou our hearts, that we may hear and receive Thy most holy Word.

Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are the people that are in such a case, yea, blessed are the people that have the Lord for their God. *Amen.*

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Our Father.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast made all those that are born again in Christ to be a royal and priestly race; Grant us both the will and the power to do what Thou commandest; that all Thy people may have the same faith in their hearts, and the same piety in their actions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, the Comfort of the sad, the Strength of sufferers, let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee; that all may rejoice to find that Thy mercy is present with them in their afflictions; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Here may be sung a Hymn, followed by an Address or Meditation. A meeting of a Guild or Society might follow.

XXII.

AN OFFICE FOR GENERAL USE

AT PAROCHIAL OR SOCIETY MEETINGS

The meeting being called to order, the Rector or Chairman shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And with Thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

O God, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Lord, we beseech thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall be said one or more Psalms, 1, 15, 67.

A Lesson of Holy Scripture shall be read.

The Gospel for the week. Or one of the following, chosen according to the occasion:

Exod. xxxv. 21-30. Neh. iv. 15-22. Isa. vi. 1-9; xi. 1-11; xxxii. 1-9; lxii. 1-10. Zech. viii. 1-9. St. Matt. xxv. 34-41. St. Mark xiv. 3-10. Acts iv. 22-31; vi. 1-8; xviii. 24 to the end. St. James i. 17-27. Rev. iii. 7-13.

Hymn. Address. Hymn.

Other Prayers (page 155).

The Prayer of any Guild or Society.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

If desired, the Admission of Members to any Society may take place after the Address.

The Litany of General Intercession (page 147) may be used instead of the prayers after the address.

AN ALTERNATIVE OFFICE

The Litany of General Intercession (page 147).

Hymn. Address. Hymn.

Prayers and Benediction.

XXIII.

OFFICE FOR

A MISSIONARY MEETING

All being assembled the Minister shall say:
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold, and add the heathen to Thine inheritance. And we pray Thee shortly to

accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then all standing shall be read one or more of the following Psalms:

Psalms 2, 19, 47, 67. *The Benedictus.*

Then shall follow a short Scripture Reading.

One of the following may be chosen: Isa. xlix. 5-13; lii. 7 to end. Zech. ix. 9 to end. St. Mark xvi. 14-20. St. John xii. 20-33. Acts x. 34 to end. Rom. x. 14-19.

A Missionary Hymn.
Address by the Minister or Chairman.
Followed by a Hymn.
One or more Addresses.
A Hymn, during which the offering shall be taken.
Prayers. (See pages 162-167.)

Benediction.

A SECOND OFFICE

If the meeting is to be of a devotional or intercessory character, there will be only one address based on some portion of Holy Scripture.

Then shall follow a Hymn, after which shall be said the Litany for the Church and its Extension. Page 143.

XXIV.

A SHORT SERVICE OF

COMFORT AND HOPE FOR SICK COMMUNICANTS

The Minister coming in shall say:

Peace be to this house.

After brief words of kindly greeting let him say:

Brother, let me read you some words of comfort from the mind of God.

Then he shall read one or more of the following:

2 Kings iv. 18-38 (for a child). 2 Kings v. 1-4, 9-15. Isa. xxxv. Isa. liv. 7-15. Isa. lxi. 11-18. St. Matt. vi. 25 to end. St. Luke v. 18-33. St. Luke xiii. 11-18. St. James i. 12-22; v. 7-12.

Before an operation, Ecclus. xxxviii. 1-14.

Thanksgiving, 1 Sam. ii. 1-11; Isa. xxxviii. 9-21. Hosea xiv.

Here may follow a meditation on the portion read.

Then the Minister shall say:

Let us praise God in the words of a Psalm.

Then shall be read by the Minister alone, or alternately with others if they so desire, one or more of the following:

Psalms 3, 11, 20, 23, 42, 91, 121, 126, 138, 146.
Thanksgiving, Psalm 103.

Then kneeling down he shall say:

O Lord, save Thy servant;
Answer. Who putteth *his* trust in Thee.
Send *him* help from Thy holy place.
Answer. And evermore defend him.
Be unto *him,* O Lord, a strong tower,
Answer. From the face of his enemy.
O Lord, hear our prayer.
Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love.

I believe in Thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, my Creator, and my Redeemer, and my Sanctifier; I believe that Thou art All-Holy, Just, and Merciful. I believe that Thou art willing to pardon and to save me, if I repent and forsake my sins.

O my God, strengthen and increase my faith, and grant me the grace of a true repentance, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

I hope in Thee, O my God, because Thou art Almighty, Faithful, and Long-suffering. I humbly trust that Thou wilt pardon my sins for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for me upon the Cross; and that Thou wilt cleanse my sinful soul in His Precious Blood, and make me holy, and bring me safe to everlasting life.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded. *Amen.*

I love Thee, O my God, above all things, because Thou hast been so good, so patient, so loving to me, notwithstanding all the sins by which I have so grievously offended Thee. I love Thee, O Blessed Jesus, my Saviour, because Thou didst suffer so much for love of me, an ungrateful sinner, and didst die on the Cross for my salvation; and for Thy sake I love all whom Thou dost love.

O make me love Thee more and more, and show my love to Thee by faithfully keeping Thy Commandments all the days of my life. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O God of heavenly powers, who by the might of Thy command drivest away from men's bodies all sickness and all infirmity; Be present in Thy goodness to this Thy servant, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength recalled, and *his* health being thereupon restored, *he* may bless Thy holy Name, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, by whose command the moments of our life run their course; Receive our prayers for this Thy servant, on whose behalf we implore Thy mercy; that our fears on account of *his* danger may be turned into joy at *his* recovery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who succourest those that labour under perils and afflictions; We humbly beseech Thy Majesty, that it may please Thee to send Thy holy Angel to uphold with Thy comfort Thy servant *N.*, who in this house is suffering distress and affliction; that *he* may both receive Thy present aid, and attain eternal healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Sovereign Lord, our God, Almighty, we beseech Thee to save us all, Thou only Physician of souls and bodies. Sanctify us all, Thou that healest every disease; and heal also this Thy servant. Raise *him* up from the bed of pain by Thy tender, loving kindness; visit *him* in mercy and compassion; drive away from *him* all sickness and infirmity; that being raised up by Thy mighty hand, *he* may serve Thee with all thankfulness; and that we, being made partakers of Thine unspeakable goodness, may praise and glorify Thee, who doest works great and wonderful, and worthy to be praised. It is Thine to pity and to save; and to Thee would we ascribe glory, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now and for ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Other prayers will be found on pages 177-181 of this book.
See also the Litany of the Sick, *page 152.*

For a Dying Communicant.

Rev. xix. 1, 4-10. St. Luke xxiii. 38-44.
Psalm 4, 23, 43, 121.

O Sovereign Lord, our God, Almighty, who willest that all men should be saved, and come to a knowledge of the truth; who desirest not the death of the sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; We pray and beseech Thee, loose the soul of this Thy servant from every bond, and free it from every curse. For Thou art He that loosest the fettered, and raisest

up the crushed, O Thou Hope of the hopeless! Command, therefore, O Lord, that the soul of Thy servant be released in peace, and go to rest in Thine eternal tabernacles with all Thy Saints; through Thine Only Begotten Son, with whom, and with Thy Holy and life-giving Spirit, Thou art blessed now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast been pleased to breathe into man a soul according to Thy likeness; Do Thou, while at Thy bidding dust returns to dust, gather this soul into the company of Thy Saints and elect in an everlasting home; and gently and tenderly receive it as it returns unto Thee, and send Thy holy Angels to meet it, and show it the way of righteousness, and open the gates of Thy glory. *Amen.*

A Short Litany for the Dying.

O God, the Father of Heaven; have mercy upon the soul of Thy servant.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon the soul of Thy servant.

O God, the Holy Ghost; have mercy upon the soul of Thy servant.

O Holy Trinity, One God; have mercy upon the soul of Thy servant.

Thou who art Three and One; have mercy upon the soul of Thy servant.

O God, the Holiest of Holies; have mercy upon him.

By Thy holy Incarnation;
By Thy holy Nativity;
By Thy holy Circumcision;
By Thy holy Epiphany;

By Thy holy Baptism;
By Thy holy Passion;
By Thy holy and most loving Death;
By Thy holy Descent into hell;
By Thy glorious Resurrection;
By Thy wonderful Ascension;
By the Coming of the Holy Ghost the Comforter;
By the majesty at Thy coming in glory;
We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to deliver the soul of Thy servant from the prince of darkness, and the place of punishment;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to put all *his* sins out of remembrance for ever;

That it may please Thee mercifully to pardon whatever guilt *he* hath contracted by the fraud of the devil, or by *his* own sinfulness and weakness;

That *he* may be enabled by Thy bounty to receive that remission of *his* sins which *he hath* ever longed for;

That it may please Thee to give to this our *brother* a place of refreshment, and light, and everlasting blessedness;

That it may please Thee to give *him* joy and gladness in Thy kingdom, with Thy Saints and elect;

That *he* may with confidence wait for the Day of Judgment;

That it may please Thee to show *him* that sight so full of loveliness, Thy holy and glorious Face looking on *him* in love;

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; have mercy upon *him.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; have mercy upon *him.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; grant *him* Thy Peace.

The Commendatory Prayer from the Prayer Book may follow if the end seems near.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

XXV.

A FORM OF SERVICE

FOR USE IN A HOUSE BEFORE A BURIAL

The Priest coming in shall say:

Peace be to this house.

The family being assembled, he shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Dearly Beloved, hear the words of Holy Scripture to those who mourn for the dead.

1 Peter i. 3-10.

1 Thess. iv. 13 to end.

For a Little Child.

Rev. xiv. 1-6.

Hear also what the wise man saith:

Wisdom iii. 1-7.

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

St. John xiv. 1-7.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Almighty God, who through Thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto

us the gate of everlasting life; Grant, we beseech Thee, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We most humbly beseech Thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who art found of those who seek Thee in loneliness, and whose portion is sufficient for the sorrowful soul; Upon these Thy servants, bereaved and afflicted, pour out, we pray Thee, Thy blessing. Thou only canst keep their feet from falling, and their eyes from tears. Let not Thy grace of patience fail them, nor Thy love forsake them; but do Thou so encourage and sustain their hearts, that in the country of Peace and Rest they may, when the end cometh, find an everlasting home. We ask it for His sake who hath gone thither to prepare a place for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty Lord, Great Judge of all men; so fit and prepare us for that great account which we must one day give, that when the time of our appointed

change shall come, we may look up to Thee with joy and comfort, and may at last be received into that place of rest and peace, where all tears shall be wiped from our eyes, and all our troubles and sorrows shall have an end; through the merits and for the sake of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity; Into the everlasting arms of Thy loving embrace we commit the souls and bodies of Thy servants our loved ones, lost to us a while. Anoint and cheer them with Thy grace. Make sweet to them the calm of Paradise the blessed. Let our prayers and their petitions for us intermingle before the throne of Thy Divine Majesty, and when we shall have served Thee here below, may we join with them in praising Thee above. Thus under the shadow of Thy wings may they and we, with all the household of faith, abide in peace for evermore. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst reveal Thyself more fully to Thy disciples after Thou wast taken from them; Grant us faith to believe that no separation of time or place can sever Thy servants from their eternal union in Thee; who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

XXVI.

ORDER FOR

THE BURIAL OF A CHILD

The Minister shall say or sing:

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Jesus called them unto Him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not : for of such is the Kingdom of God.

He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

After they are come into the Church shall be said these Psalms following:

PSALM 23. *Dominus regit me.*

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be.

PSALM 113. *Laudate, pueri.*

Praise the Lord, ye servants : O praise the Name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the Name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.

3 The Lord's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

4 The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high : and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!

6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

7 That he may set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.

8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.

Glory be.

Then shall follow the Lesson.

St. Matthew xviii. 1-6, 10-15.
Or, Rev. xiv. 1-6.

When they come to the Grave, while the Body is made ready to be laid into the earth, the Minister shall say:

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is

cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus saith the Lord, Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some standing by, the Minister shall say:

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God of His great mercy to take unto Himself the soul of this dear child here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change the body of our humiliation, that it may be like unto His glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself.

Then shall be said or sung:

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple : and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Then the Minister shall say:

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased Thee to deliver this child from the dangers and temptations of this sinful world; beseeching Thee, that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom; that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst take little children into Thine arms, and bless them; Open Thou our eyes, we beseech Thee, that we may perceive that Thou, in very goodness, hast taken this little child into the everlasting arms of Thine infinite love, and hast brought *him* to Thy Presence in Paradise; who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify Thee by their deaths; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Hymns may be sung after the Lesson and before the concluding Grace.

IF THERE BE A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION,

the Lesson shall be omitted and shall become the Gospel.

Collect.

Most merciful Father, who hast been pleased to take unto thyself the soul of this thy child; Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that having served thee with constancy on earth, we may be joined hereafter with thy blessed saints in glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Epistle. Titus iii. 4-8.
Gospel. St. Matt. xviii. 1-6, 10-15.

XXVII.

AN ORDER FOR

THE BURIAL OF THOSE FOR WHOM THE PRAYER BOOK OFFICE MAY NOT BE USED

To be used at the grave at the request of Christian relatives of the Departed.

The Minister, standing by the grave, shall say:

PSALM 130. *De profundis.*

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Glory be.

PSALM 6. *Domine, ne in furore.*

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation: neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak : O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled : but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me, for thy mercy's sake.

5 For in death no man remembereth thee : and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

6 I am weary of my groaning, every night wash I my bed : and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble: and worn away because of all mine enemies.

8 Away from me, all ye that work vanity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my petition : the Lord will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed : they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Glory be.

Then shall follow:

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness : according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

O God, the Lord of spirits and of all flesh, who didst put death under Thy feet, didst destroy the power of the devil, and gavest Thy life for the world; we commend to Thee the soul of Thy servant, that dead unto the world it may live unto Thee; and that whatever sins it hath committed through the weakness of the flesh in this mortal life, may be done away by the pardon of Thy merciful love; who art the Resurrection and the life, in whom only we have hope for this life and for that which is to come; in which with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou art God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of Thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Merciful God and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in Thy holy Word that Thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; Look with pity, we beseech Thee, upon the sorrows of Thy *servants,* for whom our prayers are desired. In Thy wisdom Thou hast seen fit to visit *them* with trouble, and to bring distress upon *them.* Remember *them,* O Lord, in mercy; sanctify Thy fatherly correction to them; endue *their souls* with patience under *their* affliction, and with resignation to Thy blessed will; comfort *them* with a sense of Thy goodness; lift up Thy countenance upon *them,* and give *them* peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

XXVIII.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

To be used on the anniversary of a death, or on a specially appointed occasion.

A.

"The Order for the Burial of the Dead" may be used, providing in place of the words of committal a short time of silence for prayer and thanksgiving, followed by a Hymn or Anthem.

A Hymn or Anthem may also suitably follow "The Grace," and the Service conclude with the Benediction.

B.

Special Service.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

V. Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul.
R. *O save me for Thy mercy's sake.*
V. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants.
R. *For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.*

V. O Lord, hear our prayer.
R. *And let our cry come unto Thee.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech Thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Antiphon. I heard a voice from heaven, saying, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

Or: If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

Psalms (one or more).

PSALM 84. *Quam dilecta!*

O how amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young : even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be alway praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13 O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be.

Psalm 130. *De profundis.*

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Glory '

Psalm 121. *Levavi oculos.*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be.

Psalm 23. *Dominus regit me.*

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be.

PSALM 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 Wash me throughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall show thy praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

18 O be favorable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Glory be.

Antiphon. I heard a voice from heaven, saying, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

Or: If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

Then shall be read St. John v. 24-31.

A Hymn or Anthem may be sung here, followed (if desired) by an Address.

The Service may conclude with a Hymn, and the following Prayers:

O eternal and everlasting God, the Life and the Resurrection of all that believe in Thee, trust Thee,

and serve Thee; that art always to be praised as well for the departed as for such as be still living upon the earth; We give Thee most hearty thanks for Thy servant who has (*or,* who as on this day) entered into rest; beseeching Thee to show forth upon Thy whole Church, in Paradise and on earth, the bright beams of Thy light and heavenly comfort, and to grant that we who are alive this day may follow the steps of all those who have served and loved Thee here, and have gone before us, in the confession of Thy holy Name, that with them we may at length enter into Thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by Thy death didst take away the sting of death; Grant unto us Thy servants so to follow in faith where Thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in Thee, and awake up after Thy likeness; through Thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

On a Public Occasion.

Almighty and everliving God, we yield unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in Thy saints, the fathers, doctors, confessors, and martyrs of Thy Church in America and throughout the world, who have given unto us Thy holy Word in a language understanded of the People, together with a rich heritage of civil and religious freedom, and the blessings of Apostolic faith, order, fellowship, and worship. And we pray that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give us grace so to follow the example of their steadfastness in Thy faith, even unto death, and of their obedience to Thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general Resurrection, we, together with them, may obtain a good report through

faith, receive Thy heavenly promises, and enter upon our perfect consummation and bliss in Thy kingdom, eternal in the heavens. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant us, with all the faithful, light, peace, and life everlasting. *Amen.*

Or,

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

IF THERE BE A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Collect.

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in Him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by His holy Apostle

Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in Him; We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight; and receive that blessing, which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear Thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech Thee, O Merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Thess. iv. 13 to end.
The Gospel. St. John vi. 37-41.

Or

The Epistle. 1 Cor. xv. 20-29.
The Gospel. St. John xi. 21-28.

XXIX.

FORM FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF ANCESTORS OR MEMBERS OF A FAMILY WHO HAVE DIED WITHOUT THE TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

THIS FORM OF SERVICE IS PROVIDED FOR THE ESPECIAL USE OF THE CLERGY WHO MINISTER AMONG NON-CHRISTIAN NATIONS.

Being assembled with the friends at the grave, or in any suitable place, the Minister shall say:

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not cast off forever: but though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies. For He doth not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

O Lord, Thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul, Thou hast redeemed my life.

O Lord, Thou hast seen my wrong; judge Thou my cause.

Or the Minister may read

Job xiv. 1-7, 10-14.

Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

And dost Thou open Thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?

Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with Thee, Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

O that Thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that Thou wouldest keep me secret, until Thy wrath be past, that Thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

The following passages of Scripture shall then be read:

As I passed by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN

GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples, made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed any thing, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things: And hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us: For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also of His offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God overlooked; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.—Acts xvii. 23-30.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.—Rev. xx. 12.

Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, and fed Thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee

a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee? Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—St. Matt. xxv. 34-40.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened in the Spirit. In which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient.—1 St. Peter iii. 18-20.

For, for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.—1 St. Peter iv. 6.

For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.—St. Luke x. 24.

God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.—1 St. John iv. 9-11.

Then shall the Minister pray as follows:

Almighty God, Creator and Father of all men, in whom all live and move and have their being, and who lovest all whom Thou hast made though they know Thee not; We humbly commend to Thy love our

fathers and forefathers and all those who have passed out of this world desiring to know Thee. Thou knowest all their desires and all their needs and Thou alone canst satisfy. Be Thou gracious unto them we pray Thee, for Thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

O Father of lights, who hast made Thyself known in many ways and whose wisdom and knowledge have no limits; We Thy humble servants draw near and pray Thee to grant to those whom we love and who knew not Thee in this life such light as they are able to receive. Thou hast taught us little of the life of those who to us seem to sleep, but we believe that all men live unto Thee, and that Thou didst send Thy Son into the world to be the Light of every man. Give to Thy servants, we beseech Thee, that in Thy light they shall see light and glorify Thee for Thy great goodness. We ask this for the sake of Him through whom alone we have received the knowledge of Thee the only true God, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O most great and merciful Judge of all men, before whom all stand, both small and great, to receive according to the things done in the body, and who hast taught us in Thy word that all judgment is according to knowledge; We praise Thee for Thy unfailing justice, confident that in all things the Judge of all the world shall do right. Into Thy hands therefore we commit the souls and bodies of those whom we to-day commemorate. Reward Thou them not according to that they have deserved, but according to the multitude of Thy mercies, and purify them if it may be from all evil; that they, filled with the knowledge of Thy love and power, may glorify Thee in that place in which Thou hast placed them. Grant these our prayers for the sake of Him who came to be the Saviour of all, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

XXX.

OFFICE FOR

THE INSTALLATION OF A BISHOP

The Choir, Clergy, Cathedral Chapter, and Bishop, being assembled in the appointed place, the following order shall be observed:

As the Procession enters the following Psalms shall be sung.

PSALM 122. *Laetatus sum.*

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

5 For there is the seat of judgment : even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be.

PSALM 46. *Deus noster refugium.*

God is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved : but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord: what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world : he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

When all are in their places the Bishop shall kneel before the entrance to the Sanctuary, all others standing.

The Dean or Senior Priest shall then say:

Good people, we are here met in the sight of God, to receive, and install in his office, him who has been

elected and consecrated to the office and dignity of Bishop of this Diocese. We ask you to give reverent heed to that which we do, and to offer your earnest prayers that the grace of God may be with us in our undertaking, and may rest upon him now to be installed as our Bishop.

Let the Letters of Consecration now be read.

The Chancellor of the Diocese shall then read the Letters of Consecration.

The Dean or Senior Priest, addressing the Bishop, shall then say:

You, the Right Reverend Father in God ——— ——— have been duly elected according to the Will of God and the Canons of this Church, and duly consecrated to the office and dignity of Bishop of the Diocese of ———. We, representing the Clergy and People of this Diocese, do ask of you, in the Name of God, your intention and purpose in respect thereof.

The Bishop shall answer:

I, ——— ———, by the Grace of God Bishop of this Diocese of ———, do promise and declare that it is my intention and purpose, well and faithfully to rule and govern the Church in this Diocese; that I will firmly observe the rights and privileges of both Clergy and People, and the laws of the State; [I will observe all the Statutes and Ordinances of this Cathedral Church;] and as much as in me lies, will take care that they are observed by others; and I will also endeavour to promote the welfare and honour of the Diocese and of this Cathedral Church. So help me God.

There shall then be space for silent prayer, all kneeling.

Then shall be said:

Almighty God, Holy Father, Everlasting Lord, before whom the angels in their several orders stand, and who didst under the dispensation of the Old Testament ordain Moses Thy Lawgiver, Aaron Thy High Priest, and Samuel among such as call upon Thy Name; who didst under the New Testament anoint Thy Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Ghost that He might be the Great High Priest, Chief Pastor, and Ruler of Thy people, and didst through Him choose the twelve apostles to go forth in His Name and power; look in favour we beseech Thee on Thy servant ——— ——— whom Thou hast appointed Bishop and Pastor of Thy flock in this place; give him grace that he may keep his life without spot or harm, and both by word and good example edify those over whom Thou hast set him to rule, that he, with the flock committed to his charge, may attain to everlasting life; through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All standing, the Dean or Senior Priest shall then raise and conduct the Bishop to the Episcopal Chair and place him therein, saying:

We, ——— ——— and ——— ———, being the Dean [or Senior Priest of this Diocese] of ———, and representing the Clergy and People of the same, do hereby induct, install, and enthrone you the Right Reverend ——— ———, into the real, actual, and corporal possession of the Bishopric [and Cathedral Church] of ———, and do place you in the Episcopal Chair, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; promising for ourselves and the Diocese all honour and obedience to your person and office as to our Father in God. The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in, henceforth and for evermore. *Amen.*

The Te Deum *shall then be sung.*

After a Hymn the Bishop shall proceed with the Communion Service.

The Collect:

Almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed Thy flock; Give grace, we beseech Thee, to all Bishops, the Pastors of Thy Church, that they may diligently preach Thy Word, and duly administer the godly Discipline thereof; and grant to the people, that they may obediently follow the same; that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Hebrews iv. 14 to v. 7.
The Gospel. St. John xv. 9 to 17.

The following Collect shall be used before the Blessing:

O Lord our God, who dost shed the abundance of Thy grace upon those whom Thou dost appoint to serve Thee in the sacred ministry of Thy Church, keep Thy servant whom Thou hast called to the office of a Bishop, that I may ever hold the faith with a pure conscience and with all virtue. Give me strength to administer this high office according to Thy good pleasure. By the power of Thy Holy Spirit fill me with love and zeal, and sanctify me wholly, that I may be well pleasing unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

It is desirable that, if possible, the Bishop should meet the Clergy and People in some building adjacent to the Cathedral after the Service, or at some later hour in the day.

XXXI.

LITANIES

I.

A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH AND ITS EXTENSION.

O God the Father Almighty, have mercy upon us.

O God the Father Almighty, have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From the guile and malice of the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the vanity of worldly pleasure, and the anxieties of worldly business;

From the carnal mind, from selfishness and self-will, from hardness and coldness of heart and from want of zeal in Thy service;

From slothfulness, from dulness in faith, and from distrust of Thy power;

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation;

By Thy Cross and Passion;

By Thy precious Death and Burial;

By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension;

By Thy Intercession at the right hand of God;

By the gift of the Holy Ghost;

By Thy desire for the Sanctification of the Church;

That it may please Thee, O Lord, to revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years to make known; in wrath to remember mercy;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to perfect Thy Church in faith and godly discipline, and to grant that she may be throughly furnished unto all good works;

That it may please Thee, to give all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, the spirit of faithfulness, devotion, and love; and to make them examples to Thy flock in all holy conversation and godliness;

That Thou wouldest especially bless, protect, comfort, and strengthen Thy Bishops and Clergy in foreign lands;

That it may please Thee to send forth labourers into Thine harvest;

That it may please Thee to fit and prepare all missionaries for their ministry, bestowing upon them Thy manifold gifts of grace and making them true workers of righteousness and helpers of mankind;

That it may please Thee to move Thy people freely to give of their substance for the increase of Thy kingdom and salvation of all men;

That it may please Thee to bless all in every place who are engaged in the extension of Thy kingdom;

That it may please Thee to prosper and extend Thy holy Church;

That it may please Thee to call many to the work of missions, and to bless all who are obedient to Thy call;

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon the ———, and upon all that have not known Thy Name;

That it may please Thee to send them the light of Thy truth, and to give them grace to receive Thy Word;

That it may please Thee to bring to nought the powers of ignorance and error by which souls are held in bondage;

That it may please Thee to encourage and sustain the converts to the faith in every land, making them strong to endure enmity and patient under reproach;

That it may please Thee to extend the means of grace to all in our own land and in our other possessions who have them not;

That it may please Thee to bring all who profess and call themselves Christians to serve Thee in the unity of Thy Church, that the world may believe in Thee;

That it may please Thee to cast out of Thy Church all error and worldliness, and to strengthen her with faith and purity;

That it may please Thee to make all nations to be at peace one with another;

That it may please Thee to pardon our sins, whereby we have hindered the progress of Thy kingdom;

That it may please Thee to perfect Thy Church in Thy fear and love, that all her members may attain to the fruition of Thy glory;

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us Thy Peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Lord our Saviour, who hast taught us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; Grant that we and all those to whom Thou hast entrusted earthly treasure, may use it to Thy glory; and that, being mindful of our stewardship to Thee, we may dispense our gifts to help and not to hurt; that so, making friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, we may be enabled to set forward the coming of Thy Kingdom, and at last, with all Thine elect people, be received into Thy heavenly habitations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that we whose lot Thou hast cast in a goodly heritage, may strive together the more abundantly, by prayer, by giving, and by work, to extend to others what we enjoy; and as we have entered into the labours of other men, so to labour that other men may in turn enter into ours, to the edifying of Thy Kingdom and the glory of Thy Holy Name; who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Other prayers may be used here. See pages 155 to 158 of this book.

A LITANY OF GENERAL INTERCESSION

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us.

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind, have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind, have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us.

From all evil and wickedness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all want of Thy holy fear, from neglect of Thy commandments, and from forgetfulness of Thy continual presence,

From the worship of any creature by superstition, covetousness, or undue affection,

From foolish thoughts of Thee, and vain imagination,

From timidity in confessing Thee before men; from irreverence in thought, word, or deed; from profaning Thy holy Name; and from levity in sacred things,

From forgetfulness of our dedication to Thee in baptism,

From the neglect of times set apart for Thine especial worship; and from seeking our own gratification on Thy holy day to the hurt of the soul,

From forgetfulness of Thy presence in the assembly of Thy people; from irregular attendance and wandering thoughts; and from want of reverence towards Thy holy Word,

From neglect of the Sacraments and ordinances which are administered in Thy Name,

From neglect of honouring Thee with our substance, and with the first-fruits of all our increase,

From the love of self; from boasting, pride, and blasphemy; and from forgetfulness of our entire dependence upon Thee,

From want of reverence to parents and others who have lawful authority over us,

From pride of station; from discontent with those set over us; from all discourtesy in word or action; and from despising Thy goodness in any of Thy people,

From malice and hatred; from party-spirit and vindictiveness; from fierceness of temper, irritability, and sullenness,

From any habit that is inconsistent with our domestic duty and natural affection and from words and actions which may injure others,

From all impurity, whether in thought, word, or deed,

From luxurious living; from the undue indulgence of appetite; from all undue gratification of the flesh; and from vanity of dress and bodily display,

From untruth, injustice, and unfaithfulness in promises and contracts; and from false pretences, fraud, and theft,

From scornfulness and disparagement; from exaggeration and slander; from deceit, hypocrisy, and all untruthfulness.

From idleness and discontent; from envy and covetousness; and from the desire of anything that is contrary to Thy will,

Help us, O God our Saviour, and grant us, O Lord, that we may lead godly and peaceable lives in this present world.

Grant us, O Lord,

The graces of humility, poverty of spirit, meekness, long-suffering, and obedience to those set over us,

Quiet and thankful minds, contentment with our lot, and true peace and joy in the Holy Ghost,

Temperance and modesty; sobriety and chastity; a humble opinion of ourselves and of the things of this world; and honesty and compassion towards others,

Diligence and watchfulness; hunger and thirst after righteousness; zeal and fervour of spirit in Thy cause; and Christian fortitude and patience unto the end.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord; and that we

may have grace to love Thee with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may sincerely love our neighbours as ourselves;

That whatsoever we do in word or deed, we may do all to Thy glory, and not receive Thy grace in vain;

That looking up to Jesus, who suffered for us, we be not weary nor faint in our minds;

That considering His example, and the conversation of His saints, we may imitate their faith and patience;

That as the baptized soldiers and servants of Christ, we entangle not ourselves unduly in the affairs of this life, but having food and raiment be therewith content;

That forbearing one another in love, we may keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace;

That bearing one another's burdens, we may fulfil the law of Christ;

That being strengthened in all virtue through the power of Thy grace, we may give Thee thanks for all things;

That waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we may be found in Him pure and without spot, and may receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls;

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world;

Increase our faith.

O Lamb of God, that art in the midst of the throne;

Confirm our hope.

O Lamb of God, Bridegroom of the Church;

Kindle our charity.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Lord, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Other special prayers may be added. *See page 155 and onward.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

III.

A LITANY FOR A SICK PERSON

O God the Father, have mercy upon Thy servant, keep and deliver *him.*

O God the Father, have mercy upon Thy servant, keep and deliver him.*

O God the Son, have mercy upon *him,* save and deliver *him.*

O God the Son, have mercy upon him, *save and deliver* him.

O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon *him,* strengthen and comfort *him.*

O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon him, *strengthen and comfort* him.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon *him.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon him.

From all evil;
Good Lord, deliver him.
From *his* sins;
From unholy thoughts;
From pain and anguish;
From the snare of the devil;
From the power of evil spirits;
From all tribulation at this time;
From everlasting damnation;
By Thy Holy Incarnation;
By Thy Suffering Life on earth;
By Thine unknown Sufferings;
By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat;
By Thy strong Crying and Tears;

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* *If the sick person be able to join in this Litany, let him substitute the word* me *for* him.

By Thy bitter Cross and Passion;
By Thy precious Death and Burial;
By Thy mighty Resurrection;
By Thy glorious Ascension;
By Thine effectual Intercession and Mediation;
By the graces and comforts of the Holy Ghost;

For the glory of Thy Name; for Thy loving mercy and for Thy truth's sake;

In the time of *his* extremity; in the hour of *his* departure, and in the day of judgment;

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to be *his* defender and keeper, and to remember *him* with the favour Thou bearest unto Thy people, and to visit *him* with Thy salvation;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to save and deliver *his* soul from the power of the enemy;

That it may please Thee to give *him* a humbled and contrite heart;

That it may please Thee to give *him* perfect faith, hope, and love;

That Thou wouldest take away from *him* all murmuring and impatience;

That it may please Thee mercifully to raise *him* up from the bed of sickness;

That it may please Thee to restore *him* in health and safety to Thy Holy Church;

That it may please Thee to give *him* pardon of all sins;

That it may please Thee to give *him* Thy grace;

That it may please Thee to grant unto *him* when Thou shall call *him* hence, rest and peace, and a part in the blessed resurrection unto life and glory;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to vouchsafe unto *him* at the last estate of joy and immortality, with all Thy blessed saints in Thy heavenly kingdom.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon Thy servant.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon him.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

Grant him *Thy peace,*

Lord, have mercy upon *him.*
Christ, have mercy upon him.
Lord, have mercy upon *him.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then may be added such Collects and Prayers as the Minister shall think fit. See pages 177-181 of this book.

IV.

A LITANY FOR THE DYING

See page 108.

XXXII.

VARIOUS PRAYERS

For the Purification of the Church From Error.

O Eternal God and merciful Father, we humbly pray for Thy holy Church throughout the world, that it being purged from false philosophy and vain deceit, we may live and act as befits the members of the mystical Body of Thy Son, and in the end be found acceptable unto Thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

An Intercession for the Church.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, let the strong crying of Thy Church ever be acceptable unto Thee; that receiving forgiveness of sins, it may become devout by the working of Thy grace, and tranquil under the protection of Thy power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Reunion of Christendom.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto Thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Bishops.

O God, who rulest over Thy people with fatherly love, give the spirit of wisdom to all who have received

from Thee the authority of government, that the welfare of Thy flock may turn to the everlasting joy of their pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Bishop of the Diocese.

O God, the Pastor and Ruler of Thy faithful servants, look down in mercy on Thy servant, ... our bishop. Do Thou evermore guide, defend, comfort, sanctify, and save him, and grant him by Thy grace so to advance in word and good example, that he may, with the flock committed to him, attain to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Vacancy of a See (or Parish).

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Grant, we beseech thee, of Thy loving-kindness, to this Thy flock a *Bishop* (or *Pastor*) who shall by holiness of life, wisdom in ruling, and faithfulness in teaching, be well-pleasing unto Thee, and by watchfulness and zeal promote Thy glory and the salvation of souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Diocese.

We implore Thy blessing on all the parishes and missions of this diocese. Grant to them all things needful for their spiritual welfare. Strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth; and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy holy Church, to the honour and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

For the Clergy.

O Christ, whose Priesthood never passeth away, let Thy power come to the aid of Thy servants, the Clergy of this Diocese (Parish), that they may carefully and excellently discharge their ministry according to Thy pleasure; and as they have received their talents to be profitably employed, as the Spirit giveth ability, they may at last lay them on Thy altar with abundant gain, that they may become worthy to hear that voice full of hope, "Enter into the joy that has no end." May they go on, O Lord, from strength to strength; lift them up while they worship Thee; perfect Thy gifts in them, and crown their heads with a diadem, and in their hearts, as in an ark, may Thy grace be stored up; grant them Thine abundant help, and fill their labours with power, that all may be to Thy glory, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost art God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, whose ways are all mercy and truth, carry on Thy gracious work, and bestow, by Thy benefits, what human frailty cannot attain; that they who attend upon the heavenly Mysteries may be grounded in perfect faith, and shine forth conspicuous by the purity of their souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Their Success in the Edification of the Faithful.

Grant, O Lord, that they who minister in Thy Name in this Diocese (or Parish) may be enabled so to dispense the mysteries of Thy grace and truth, that many by their ministrations may be built up in our most holy faith, and perfected in the energies of a loving obedience; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Their Success Against the Powers of Evil.

O Lord God of Hosts, fill, we beseech Thee, all those whom Thou hast set as pastors over Thy sheep, with righteousness and true holiness, that by their faith and piety they may overcome the wicked one, and save the Lord's flock from the danger of his assaults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those Who Have Ministered to us in Spiritual Things.

Almighty God, who art the Giver of all good things; We praise Thee for Thy blessing vouchsafed to us by the hands of Thy servants (. . . .). Perfect Thy work in their hearts according to the fullness of Thy love, and grant that we, keeping the grace which we have received through their instrumentality, may give them cause to rejoice with us in its growth; and that, by the manifold fruit of their ministrations, the thanksgivings of many may abound for them in the day of reward; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Increase of the Clergy.

O Almighty God, look mercifully upon the world, redeemed by the blood of Thy dear Son, and send forth many more to do the work of the ministry, that perishing souls may be rescued, and Thy glorious triumph may be hastened by the perfecting of Thine elect; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Parish.

Almighty and Everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and grant unto this

Parish all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare: schools wherein to bring up the young in Thy faith and fear; ministers to labour in this portion of Thy vineyard; a church perfected according to the beauty of holiness; strengthen and increase the faithful, visit and relieve the sick, turn and soften the wicked, arouse the careless, recover the fallen, restore the penitent, remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth, and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy Holy Church, to the honour and praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Church School.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to prosper with Thy blessing the work of this school, and all other works undertaken in Thy fear and for Thy glory. Grant that all who serve Thee here, whether as teachers or learners, may set Thy will ever before them, and do such things as are pleasing in Thy sight; that so both the Church and the State of this land may be bettered by their studies, and they themselves may attain to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For a College or University.

Almighty God, who hast created man in Thine own image and made him a living soul that he may seek after Thee and have dominion over Thy creatures; Send Thy blessing on this University. Grant to the President and all in authority, love, grace, and wisdom to rule justly. Give to those who teach, knowledge and skill; and to those who learn, a willing and childlike spirit. Give to all, both teachers and learners, the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, that whether they study the works of Thy hands, or learn to subdue the earth

for the use of man, or train the reason for Thy service, they may seek Thy glory in all things, and following Thy will in a humble and teachable spirit, may be delivered in all temptations that meet them in their life and through their work, and at last attain to their perfection in Thy likeness; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Church Hall, or Dormitory.

We commend this Hall and all those who shall live therein to God's most holy keeping, praying that it may be a place wherein He may ever dwell in the hearts of His children; that they may be preserved in all temptations and dangers, live in love one with another, work faithfully according to His will, and set forth His glory in all things; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR SOCIETIES WITHIN THE CHURCH.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

O Lord, without whom our labour is but lost, and with whom Thy little ones go forth as the mighty; We humbly beseech Thee to prosper all works in Thy Church undertaken according to Thy holy will, especially the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, and grant to Thy labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the blessedness of serving Thee in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Girls' Friendly Society.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to bless us, and all who belong to the Girls' Friendly Society. May its members be sheltered and protected

evermore by Thy fatherly love; and to its Associates vouchsafe the help and guidance of Thy Holy Spirit. Help us all to bear one another's burdens, to live not for ourselves, but for others as members of one family in Christ. Wash us from our sins in His precious blood, make us holy by the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit, and bring us all at last to the joy of Thy Heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew.

O Almighty and Eternal God, we humbly pray Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, that all its members, being inspired with lively faith and love, may earnestly strive to promote the honour due to Thy dear Son and the gathering of wanderers into the fold. Give us grace to fulfil in our lives what we profess with our lips. Deliver us, O God, from false doctrine and slackness of living, and grant that, persevering unto the end, we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Church Temperance Society.

Almighty God, who didst make man in Thine own Image, and afterwards didst sanctify our human nature by the Incarnation of Thy Son; Give us grace to resist all those sinful lusts whereby that which Thou hast made and sanctified may be defiled.

Send Thy blessing in particular, we pray Thee, upon the Church Temperance Society, that by its means many may be brought back from the ways of sin, and that all its members, living in mutual help and sympathy, may grow in holiness both of soul and body, until they come to Thy perfect likeness, through the mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

An Altar Guild.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst accept the ministry of faithful women during Thy earthly life; We pray Thee to accept and bless the work which this Altar Guild undertakes in the care of Thy sanctuary. Grant us a spirit of reverence for Thy House and worship, Thy Word and Sacraments, and preserve in purity and holiness our own souls and bodies as living Temples of Thy presence; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be all praise and honour, now and forever. *Amen.*

For a Blessing on Social Intercourse.

O God, who makest manifest to us in Thy servants the signs of Thine own Presence; Send forth upon us the Spirit of love; that by the coming together of our brethren and fellow-servants, Thy bountiful grace may be increased in ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CHURCH.

For the World Around.

O Good Shepherd of the sheep, look mercifully upon those who have none to watch over them in Thy Name. Prepare them to receive Thy truth, and send them pastors after Thine own heart. Replenish with Thine abundant grace those whom Thou dost send, and waken the pity of Thy people for all these strangers to Thy covenant, so that, by their cheerful contribution and the coöperation of Thy Holy Spirit, multitudes may be added to the Church and become partakers of the salvation which Thou hast promised, O Lord and lover of souls. *Amen.*

For Members of the Church Who Are Removed From the Ordinances of Grace.

O Lord, make Thy sanctifying Presence continually manifest to those who are without any to minister in Thy Name (especially ———). Teach them so meekly to use their afflictions, whether of mind or body, as a means of grace uniting them to the Passion of Thy dear Son, that their faith and patience being perfected by inward communion with Him, they may in the end obtain Thy promises along with Thy redeemed; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Missions of the Church.

O God, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest Thy love by sending Thine only begotten Son into the world that all may live through Him: Pour Thy Spirit upon Thy Church, that it may fulfil His command to preach the Gospel to every creature; send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into Thy harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations, and hasten the time when the fullness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Prosperity of Missions.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst charge Thine Apostles that they should preach the Gospel to every nation; Make us to show our gratitude for Thy benefits by earnestness in fulfilling Thy command. Prosper all missions, both at home and abroad, with an increase of sanctity, that they may win many to the acknowledgement of Thy truth (especially those in ———), and give them all things needful for their work, mak-

ing them to be centres of spiritual life, to the quickening of many souls, and the glory of Thy Holy Name, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

[Also page 38 in the Prayer Book.]

For Their Increase in Number.

O Lord Jesus Christ, cause the witness of Thy truth to be set forth by the establishment of mission works in other places also (especially ———), that our fellow-countrymen who have gone astray may be brought back to the faith, and that those who know Thee not may be partakers of Thy grace, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Those in Foreign Lands.

O God of all nations of the earth, remember the multitude of Thy people who though created in Thine image, are perishing in their ignorance; and according to the propitiation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that by the prayers and labours of Thy holy Church, they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship Thee; through Him whom Thou hast sent to be our salvation, the Resurrection and the Life of all the faithful, the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Jews.

O Everlasting Father, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; We beseech Thee to look upon Thine appointed people Israel, scattered abroad throughout the world, and to visit them with Thy salvation. Take away from them all ignorance and prejudice; bring

them to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Messiah and the Saviour of us all; and so fetch them home, Blessed Lord, to Thy flock that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Jesus Christ, Son of David, King of Israel, who hast in all ages an elect remnant amongst Thine ancient people, and who art ever hastening the time when all Israel shall be saved; We beseech Thee by Thy good Spirit to make us share Thy tender compassion for them, to show us what Thou wouldest have us attempt for their salvation, and to enable us earnestly to accomplish the same, to Thy glory, and the establishment of Thy kingdom for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For the Unbaptized.

Have mercy, Thou God and Father of all, upon those who have not been admitted within Thy covenant of grace. Draw them by Thy love, that they may seek the Water of Life. Give them boldness, that they may not be kept from Thee by any fear of man, or prejudice of the natural heart, but, yielding themselves up to Thy command, may escape the corruption which is in the world through sin, and be admitted to the participation of Thy Divine Nature; through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

For Those Who Are Inquiring After the Truth.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who dost give power to such as will receive Thee, that they may become the sons of God; Draw unto Thyself all those who are desirous to come to Thy light; make the way plain for them,

that they may no longer be entangled by any worldly cares, so as to be kept out of the way of salvation. Enable them to realize the privileges of Thy Holy Church, and the blessedness of our adoption into the fellowship of Thy Holy Spirit. Deliver them from all false and unworthy conceptions of Thy service; and grant that they may give themselves to bring others with them to serve Thee in spirit and in truth, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and ever. *Amen.*

For Missionaries.

O Most merciful Saviour and Redeemer, who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; Fulfil Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy Name to preach the Gospel of salvation (in distant lands). Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Bless them, we beseech Thee, with Thy continual favour, and send Thy Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth. O Lord, let Thy ministers be clothed with righteousness, and grant that Thy Word, spoken by their mouths, may never be spoken in vain. Endue them with power from on high, and so prosper Thy work in their hands that the fullness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and all Israel be saved. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Missionaries Journeying.

O God, who didst bring Abraham Thy servant out of Ur of the Chaldees, and didst preserve him unhurt

through all his pilgrimage; We beseech Thee, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to keep *these* Thy *servants:* be unto *them,* O Lord, a Support in setting out, a Solace by the way, a Shadow in the heat, a Covering in the cold, a Shelter from the storm, Rest in weariness, *their* Guardian in adversity, *their* Staff in slippery places, and a Haven in shipwreck, that Thou being *their* Ruler and Guide, *they* may in safety reach *their* journey's end.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, to *these* Thy *servants* a way of safety, that *they* following the doctrine of the blessed forerunner St. John, may, without let or hindrance, attain to Him whom he foretold, Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Mid-Day Prayer.

Blessed Saviour, who at this hour didst hang upon the Cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms; Grant that all mankind may look unto Thee and be saved, through Thy mercies and merits who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For all who are in Sin or Error.

Almighty Lord our God, direct our steps into the way of peace, and strengthen our hearts to obey Thy commands; may the Day-spring visit us from on high, and give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; that they may adore Thee for Thy mercy, follow Thee for Thy truth, desire Thee for Thy sweetness, who art the blessed Lord God of Israel. Grant this, O Father, for Thy Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Almighty God, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers for all such as sin against Thee or neglect to serve Thee [especially ———], that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow upon them true repentance and earnest longing for Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We intreat Thee, O Lord, holy Father, everlasting God, grant that the way of Thy truth and of the knowledge of Thee may be shown to Thy servants who wander in doubt and uncertainty amid the darkness of this world; that their eyes may be opened, and that they may acknowledge Thee the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and enjoy the fruit of this confession, both here and in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Perseverance of the Faithful.

Vouchsafe we beseech Thee, O Lord, to strengthen and confirm all Thy faithful people [especially ———], and to lift them up more and more to high and heavenly desires, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For any between whom there is Jealousy.

O Lord Jesus Christ, grant that those who are tempted to estrangement one from another, by consideration and private interest or party feeling [especially ———], may so devoutly cherish the unity of the Spirit wherewith they are called, that, losing the consciousness of self in the adoration of Thy glorious Majesty, they fail not of their portion in the Communion of Saints when Thy Kingdom shall be revealed. *Amen.*

For Charity amongst Christians.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast commanded us to love one another; Put an end to the unhappy divisions

of those who are called by Thy name. Come quickly and bind us together in the full revelation of Thy love, and let the desire for Thine appearing unite us even now while we wait for Thee. Teach us to realize that the ordinances of Thy grace bind us to each other as well as unto Thee; and let us not so misuse the means of our salvation as to foster a spirit of division by what should be the channels of Thy love. Enable us to love one another in Thee and for Thee, until all our imperfections are done away, and we shall shine forth in Thy light, and rejoice in the manifestations of Thy love. In Thy Love let us triumph over all difference of condition, all the estrangements of race, all the prejudices of education, all the pride of self-will. In Thy love let us be humble; in Thy love let us be one; that in Thy love we may be exalted, and in Thy love we may be Thine for ever. *Amen.*

For a Parochial Mission.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, who seekest those that are gone astray, bindest up those that are broken, and healest those that are sick; Bless, we beseech Thee, the effort now being made to convert souls unto Thee. Open the deaf ears of the wanderers, that they may hear the words which belong unto their salvation; and grant that those whom Thou dost raise to newness of life, may through Thy grace persevere unto the end: of Thy mercy, O our God, who art blessed, and livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. *Amen.*

For a Retreat or Quiet Day.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say unto Thy Disciples, Come ye apart into a desert place and rest a while; Grant we beseech Thee to Thy servants now

gathered together, so to seek Thee whom our souls desire to love, that we may both find Thee and be found of Thee. Grant such love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in Thy name, that they may not fall to the ground, but may be helpful in leading us onward through the toils of our pilgrimage to that rest which remaineth, where, nevertheless, they rest not day nor night from Thy perfect service; who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FOR OUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE.

For the Fourth of July or any Day of National or State Observance.

O Almighty God, who givest breath to every living thing, and of whose power it is that peoples, nations, and kindreds of men stretch forth the curtains of their habitations; We give Thee hearty thanks for that spirit of brave adventure to which this nation owes its birth. We rejoice in the insuperable courage of those who, loving liberty and knowledge, have pushed away the veil of mountains and of seas, and have sought light and freedom for themselves and their children; and we pray that Thou wilt give to us the same spirit, and make us a people worthy of these heroic ideals and traditions. Grant us grace ever to witness for Thee among the nations. And hasten the time, we pray Thee, when all the peoples of the earth shall dwell together in righteousness and peace, and war shall be no more. All which we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord our Saviour, who hast warned us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given;

Grant that we whose lot Thou hast cast in so goodly an heritage may strive together the more abundantly by prayer, by fasting, by almsgiving, and by every other appointed means, to extend to others what we so richly enjoy; and as we have entered into the labours of other men, so to labour that in their turn other men may enter into ours, to the fulfilling of Thy Holy will and our own everlasting salvation; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For National and State Elections.

Almighty God, who dost hold us to account for the use of all our powers and privileges; Guide, we pray Thee, the people of these United States in the election of their governors and representatives, that by wise legislation and faithful administration the rights of all may be protected, and our nation be enabled to fulfil Thy purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For all in Civil Authority.

O Heavenly Father, we bend the knee before Thee on behalf of all kings, princes, and governors of this world, especially those who hold authority in our own land, beseeching Thee to grant unto them by Thy inspiration to rule in righteousness, to rejoice in peace, to shine in piety, and to labour for the well-being of the people committed unto them, so that by the rectitude of their government all faithful people may live without disturbance in the knowledge of Thee, and labour without hindrance for Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the State Legislature.

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is the law of happiness for peoples as for persons; We beg Thy

guidance and blessing for the Legislative Assembly of our State; grant that truth and justice may rule in the deliberations of our senators and representatives, and that their decisions may promote Thy glory and our true welfare; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

[Also pages 13 and 37 in the Prayer Book.]

At the Raising of a Flag.

Almighty God, who in days of old didst lead forth Thy people arrayed under the standards of their tribes to march into a land of liberty which Thou appointedst for them, and to overcome all their enemies; Look upon us who are also Thy people; behold and bless that which we do this day. Grant that this flag which we are about to raise in Thy Name may be to us a constant reminder of the loyalty to which we are called, in the service of our country and in the fulfilment of our duty to Thee.

Enable us so to live that the honour and purity of our flag shall never by us be sullied with dishonour, shame, or crime. Where it waves, there let justice, truth, and purity prevail.

Preserve this Thy people who live under the standard of these United States from all discord and division, from all selfishness and covetous desires, and fill them with a true sense of the honourable position of duty to Thee, their fellow-men, and the other nations of the earth, which Thou hast called us to fill. As we follow this flag going before us, may it never lead in any way that is contrary to Thy will, but rather, as we follow on, let us fulfil every purpose which Thou hast for us; that walking in a straight path, and in brotherly love before Thee, we may one by one, and as a nation, be protected in our own lives and in National

integrity and honour, and finally be found as those who have fought a good fight and, having finished an appointed course, shall receive their reward in the presence of Thee their Eternal Lord and King. Grant this, O Father of all, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For the Army and Navy.

O most powerful and glorious Lord God, the Lord of hosts, that rulest and commandest all things; Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to bless the officers and men of our army and navy. Grant that in the midst of the dangers and temptations which beset them, they may fight manfully against the world, the flesh, and the devil; and resisting all evil by the mighty power of Thy Spirit, may acquire true courage in the hour of danger and in the day of battle. Prosper them in the maintenance of our country's honour; keep them safe from enemies, spiritual and temporal; that they may glorify Thee upon the earth, until they are called to rest in the triumph of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

During a War.

Almighty God, who art everywhere present, we commend to Thy fatherly care our soldiers and sailors absent from their homes on the service of their country. Protect them from all evil; give them courage and obedience in danger, and mercy in victory. Prosper their arms to the establishment of justice, peace, and truth among all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we pray Thee to have mercy upon all who are this day wounded and suffering. Let Thy grace be

their comfort, though kindred and friends be far away. Raise them to health again, if it be Thy good pleasure; but chiefly give them such patience and faith in Thee, that they, being delivered from the assaults of their spiritual enemies, may rest in peace and rise to partake of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Mechanics and Artisans.

O God, we pray Thee to have mercy upon all artisans, and grant that the intelligence which they employ on earthly objects for the benefit of society may be enlightened by Thy Holy Spirit to a clear perception of the things of heaven, guiding them, amidst all their industry, to work out their own salvation with reverence and godly fear; through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Agricultural Labourers.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon all those who labour in the cultivation of the earth, and grant that by the power of Thy grace, their own souls may be made fruitful unto all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Miners.

Almighty God, to whom darkness and light are both alike; Look upon all Thy sons who labour under the earth; keep them mindful of Thy Presence and protect them in their labour; let no evil come near them; save them from all accident and suffering; and grant that they may serve Thee so faithfully in this life, and in the darkness of their labour, that they may at last

attain to the brightness of Thy glory; through Him who gave Himself to labour and suffer for them, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For those who are obliged to work on the Lord's Day.

O Lord, have mercy upon all those who are required to continue in their work upon Thy holy day. Draw their thoughts to Thyself, and make them partakers of the benefits of the prayers and intercessions of Thy holy Church. And grant to their employers grace to consider the needs of those whom Thou hast made in Thine image; that they who toil may fail not finally to attain to that rest which remaineth for the people of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Travelers.

O God, of infinite mercy and boundless majesty, whom no distance of place nor length of time can part from those for whom Thou carest; Be present to Thy servants who everywhere confide in Thee; and through all the way in which they are to go, be pleased to be their Guide and their Companion. May no accident or adversity harm them, no difficulty oppose them; may all things turn out happily and prosperously for them; that by the aid of Thy right hand, whatsoever they have asked for with a reasonable desire, they may speedily find brought to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who didst cause the children of Israel to go on dry land through the midst of the sea, and who, by the leading of a star, didst open to the Wise Men a way unto Thyself; Grant to Thy servants, we beseech Thee, a prosperous journey and a quiet time;

that, with the Angel of Thy Presence as their guide, they may happily reach the place whither they would go, and finally attain to the haven of eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For those who are absent from their homes.

O God, have mercy upon all those removed from their natural home [especially ———]. Cause them always to remember Thy fatherly love protecting them, and Thine all-seeing eye taking account of them; that they, in every place realizing that Thou art near, may be watchful to do that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight; and if it be Thy good pleasure to grant them a happy return to those they love on earth, make them to find therein such a foretaste of the reunion which shall be hereafter, that when the time of this our exile shall come to an end they may be partakers of Thine everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Widows and Orphans.

O Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to defend and protect the fatherless children and widows, and grant that the loss of their natural guardians may lead them to rely the more entirely on Thy supernatural care, who wilt not leave comfortless such as faithfully seek Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For those who have none to pray for them.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who ever livest to make intercession for us, let Thy mercy be extended to all those who have none upon earth to pray for them in Thy Name, and bring them, for Thine own sake, to a

participation of Thy grace on earth, that they may praise Thee with all Thy saints in Thine everlasting glory. *Amen.*

For Convicted Criminals.

Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, O Lord, unto all such as are under sentence of punishment a true sense of their crimes, true repentence for them, and Thy gracious pardon, that their souls may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus; for His sake, who underwent for them the death of the Cross, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOR THE SICK.

For Comfort and Defence.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to refresh the soul of Thy servant [———], visited with sickness, that by the due acceptance of this chastisement, it may know the health of Thy grace and the joy of Thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Patience under Suffering.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified; Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Persons about to undergo an Operation.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that this Thy servant may be strengthened for the approaching operation, with entire reliance upon Thy grace and Thy

love, so that the suffering of the body, being sanctified by union with the pain which Thy dear Son bore for us upon the cross, may be instrumental for the obtaining of Thy manifold gifts, for the perfection of his soul; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst patiently endure the wounding of Thy holy flesh that Thou mightest save the souls and bodies of Thy people, strengthen Thy servant, we beseech Thee, to submit himself humbly and devoutly to Thy holy will and to bear patiently whatsoever suffering Thou shalt see fit to lay upon him. Grant knowledge and wisdom to those who minister to him, and bless the means employed for the working out of his cure; that, if it shall be Thy gracious will, the wounding of the flesh may avail for the healing of the body and the quickening of the soul; through Thy mercy, O Holy Jesus, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Those in Prolonged Illness.

O God, who dost mercifully accept the offering of our weakness; Give Thy servant grace to abide in communion with Thee, that the lengthened season of sickness which hinders his work in the world may train him for the contemplation of Thy glory in the life of the blessed; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

For the Desponding.

Comfort, we beseech Thee, most gracious God, all that are cast down and faint of heart amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world [especially ———],

and grant that, by the energy of Thy Holy Spirit, they may be enabled to go upon their way rejoicing, and give Thee continual thanks for Thy sustaining providence; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

For Persons recovering from Sickness.

O God, the Giver of life and health, we praise Thee for Thy mercy which Thou hast shown in restoring this Thy servant to some measure of health. Enable him to use for Thy glory all the powers which Thou hast given him, and incline him, by the remembrance of his great danger, to live as one separated from the world, so that he may set about all his actions with a more steadfast endeavour to be found in the end acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Blind.

O God, who hast sent Thy Son to be the true light of the world; Grant that they who cannot see the things of the world may be the more fully enlightened and comforted by His inward guidance. Cheer them in their blindness with Thy heavenly manifestations. Show Thyself to such as know Thee not, and grant that they may thankfully accept the loss of earthly sight, as the means ordained of Thee for bringing their hearts to the contemplation of their own misery and of Thy holiness. Quicken those who know Thee by faith to a deeper intuition of Thy purity, that, beholding Thee with increasing love, they may become the more conformed to Thine image, until they behold Thee as Thou art, and awake to the full revelation of Thy glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Deaf.

O Lord, speak, we beseech Thee, with the voice of Thy Holy Spirit in the hearts of those who cannot hear the instruction of Thy ministers [especially ———], and grant whatsoever truths of Thy revelation they have learnt may be brought to their remembrance by His quickening power, so that the eyes of their understanding being opened to contemplate those mysteries which by the hearing of the ear they are no longer able to receive, they may advance in Thy knowledge; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Insane and Imbeciles.

O Heavenly Father, may Thy supernatural power sustain and comfort Thy servants who have lost the natural faculties of reason and self-control. Suffer not the evil one to vex them. Impute not to them any unseemly word or action into which they may fall. Look upon them graciously, as redeemed by the Blood of Thy dear Son; and grant that they may be delivered from the darkness of the world, and attain to the glory of Thine immediate Presence; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Sanctification of Suffering.

O Lord Jesus, have mercy upon all sufferers. Grant them, continually meditating upon Thy holy life of suffering, to realize in meekness the strength of Thine incarnation; in pain, the triumph of Thy passion; in poverty, the riches of Thy Godhead; in reproach, the satisfaction of Thy sympathy; in loneliness, the comfort of Thy continual Presence; in difficulty, the efficacy of Thine intercession; in perplexity, the guidance of Thy wisdom; and bring them of Thy mercy, when

this suffering life is past, to the glorious Kingdom which, by Thy suffering, Thou didst purchase for all who would take refuge in Thy mediation. *Amen.*

For the Aged.

O Lord, make the evening of life bright unto Thy servant. Cast *him* not away in the time of age; forsake *him* not when *his* strength faileth. Abide with *him* when it is towards evening and the day is far spent. Make *his* latter days pure, peaceful, sinless, and if it please Thee, painless. Guard *his* lying down and *his* rising up, from henceforth even forever. Let *him* wake up and be present with Thee. We ask all in the Name of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

An Evening Prayer.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Intercession.

O God, at whose word man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening; Be merciful to all whose duties are difficult or burdensome, and comfort them concerning their toil. Shield from bodily accident and harm the workmen at their work. Protect the efforts of sober and honest industry, and suffer not the hire of the labourers to be kept back by fraud. Incline the hearts of employers and of those whom they employ to mutual forbearance, fairness, and good-will. Give the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to

all in places of authority. Bless all schools of good learning, and grant to every work of mercy an even course. Care for all aged persons, and all little children, the sick and afflicted, those who travel by land or by sea, all strangers, and emigrants, and outcasts. Remember all who by reason of weakness are overtasked, or by reason of poverty are forgotten. Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before Thee, and have mercy upon those that are appointed to die. Give ear unto our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of Thy dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Spirit of Prayer.

O Almighty God, who hast bidden us seek that we may find, and who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and of supplication; Deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from coldness of heart and wandering of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Time of War.

Almighty Father, who at the coming of Thy Incarnate Son didst declare Peace on Earth to be Thy will for men, look in mercy upon the nations now engaged in war.

Control all evil passions; overrule by Thy Holy Spirit the counsels of those who govern, and direct them in the way of peace; lead to repentance those by whose sin the heart of the whole world is so greatly troubled, that they may find pardon with Thee.

Look in pity also, we pray Thee, upon all widows and orphans; comfort all to whom sorrow and suffer-

ing shall come; heal the wounded; sustain by Thy presence those who must die; let Thy mercy rest upon the dead; and by Thy divine wisdom lead all Thy people in the right way, that in the end peace may prevail in all the nations of the earth, and Thy glory be manifested among men.

Hear this, our prayer, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

During a Famine.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, spare us while we cry out unto Thee; provide us with the food needful for our life in the world; enable us to look to Thee for the bread of immortality; quicken the liberality of the rich, that they may help the poor in their distress; strengthen the faith of the poor that they fall not into sin through their necessity; pardon us all and withdraw Thine anger, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

During a Pestilence.

O Almighty God, from whom is derived our life, both in nature and in grace, remove from us, we beseech Thee, if it be Thy good will, the disease which Thou hast allowed to come upon us, and grant that we may not forget those lessons which it was intended to teach, but humbling ourselves before Thee in lasting penitence for those sins by which we have merited Thy wrath, may praise Thy name for Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

In Time of Fatal Calamity.

Have mercy, O Lord, on all those who have suffered in our recent affliction; supply their outward need, and

grant that the present distress may awaken many to energy and love, so that we all, glorifying Thy holy name, may experience in our sorrows the blessedness of His help who bore our griefs; and when this life of sorrow shall be ended, may commit our souls, along with all those whom we have loved, to Thy most holy keeping; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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